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Bethel Selectmen discussing status and upkeep of little-used town roads

By MICHAEL DANIELS

Bethel selectmen are grappling with how — and for what reasons — to cease maintenance on or discontinue little-used town roads.

And at Monday evening's regular meeting of the board, a discussion of this seemingly routine process generated a bit more heat than light.

Selectman Bob Everett argued for using economic criteria in making such decisions.

**'Gimme a
break! If it's
a town road
maintain it.'**

DENNIS DOYON
Selectman

"I'm looking at the dollar-and-cents aspect of it," Everett said.

He proposed weighing "the amount of money you'd have to pay out in damages [for lost property values along the road] as opposed to the amount of money you're going to have to pay in maintenance over, say, a ten-year period."

'Gimme a break!'

But Selectman Dennis Doyon said there were larger issues to consider, especially the town's responsibility to people who live along or otherwise use the road in question.

"The town has an obligation, whether it's a landowner, a homeowner, whatever," Doyon argued.

"The town has been collecting taxes on that property for who knows how many years and all of sudden they're going to say: 'Well there are only two people out there, so let's stop, and to hell with them,'

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Former mayor from Foxwoods' hometown says casino was a losing bet for taxpayers

By LESLIE DIXON/SUN WIRE

The former mayor of Ledyard, Conn., home to Foxwoods Resort Casino, told Oxford County commissioners Tuesday that local officials must have a deal on the table that economically benefits the area before letting a casino come to Oxford.

"We were just caught dead.

You have no idea how much that has cost our town ... millions, and it is on the backs of taxpayers," said Susan Mendenhall, who served four years as Ledyard's mayor and eight on the town council.

Mendenhall appeared at the commissioners' monthly meeting with Dennis Bailey of CasinosNol!, the group op-

posed to a proposed \$184 million casino resort in Oxford County. The gambling facility is proposed for land near Oxford Plains Speedway on Route 26 in Oxford, a town of about 5,000. It would include 300 hotel rooms, several restaurants and a regional conference center with 10,000 to 20,000 square feet of space on at least 25 acres.

Voters will decide in a statewide referendum Nov. 4 whether to allow a casino in Oxford County.

Proponents of Las Vegas-based Olympia Gaming's pro-

posal for Oxford say it would create about 1,300 jobs with a \$39 million payroll over five years. Revenue is projected to be \$96 million in the first year, 2010, and more than \$164 million by 2014, with Oxford County to get 1 percent of that and the town to get \$2.3 million to \$3.5 million a year.

"We were very disappointed in the economic spinoff. It just hasn't come," Mendenhall told commissioners. "When you bring in a development like this, it's all about the money."

Ledyard, a community of about 15,000 residents in the southeastern part of Connecticut, is host to the world's largest casino with 340,000 square feet of gaming space in a complex that covers 4.7 million.

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It might look like a giant earth-art rendering of an ear of sweet corn, but the green here is real vegetation in what is probably an old channel of the meandering Androscoggin River, now cutting through freshly tilled potato fields in Mayville. Early on a recent morning photographer Dirk MacKnight captured sunlight brightening goldenrod in the twisting swale.

Letters

IT WAS 'PERSONAL REASONS'

To the Editor:

I recently resigned as selectman for the town of Andover and I have just learned that there is a rumor in town that says I resigned because I was unable to work with Susan Merrow, a selectman for whom there is a pending recall vote.

To have this rumor circulating is not only a negative reflection on Susan's character, but mine as well. I resigned because of personal reasons. Personal reasons are usually reasons you cannot or do not wish to share. In my resignation I did state that I would remain on the Benefits and Wages Committee. Susan is also a member of this committee and if I were unable to work with her, I would have resigned from the committee work as well.

I wish to remain an active participating member of the community and have offered my assistance, to both Susan and Trudy, I have offered Sandy my assistance in making the auditor's final accounting adjustments, should she need it.

Please understand I wish to make it clear that I did not resign because I was unable to work with Susan Merrow.

*Donna Libby
Former Selectman*

KEEP THE KIDS' RIDE CLEAN

To the Editor:

Where has Bethel's sense of pride gone and when is it coming back? As a lifelong resident and mother of three I was shocked, upset and disappointed when I discovered the name of the new business that had opened in Mayville. Quite frankly I'm "piste off"!

I feel that it is offensive and extremely inappropriate. Is this what we want visitors to see, welcoming them at the gateway of our beautiful little village?

I am both saddened and angered that my eight-year-old daughter has to see that sign every day on her way to school, and there is nothing that I can do about it. I don't want my children, or anyone else's, to read that sign and feel that it is OK to say aloud. As responsible parents, my husband and I try to impress upon them that that kind of language is unacceptable. I struggle to protect my children's innocence and purity in a world hopelessly spinning out of control! Where is the censorship, doesn't Bethel have codes or restrictions, don't we have an image to uphold?

If I, if we, don't care about the kind of exposure we receive every day, what kind of stage are we setting for future generations?

Don't we struggle enough, with saddened hearts, about the youth of today?

Please, keep it clean!

*Seneca Corriiveau
Newry*

SKI SALE FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

To the Editor:

The 28th annual Bethel Outing Club Ski Sale will take place this Friday, Oct. 24, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 25, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Gould Academy Field House. A dozen ski shops will bring thousands of alpine, telemark, cross-country, snowboard, and other outdoor items.

Individuals are also invited to bring non-obsolete equipment to sell, subject to a 16 percent consignment fee, any time after noon on Friday, Oct. 24.

Tags are available for "express tagging" prior to noon Friday at the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, with up to four tags for free and 25 cents per additional tag. Tags will be available at the Gould Field House for 50 cents per tag beginning at noon on Friday.

Since 1980, sale proceeds have provided ski equipment to the cross-country ski programs in the local schools, free or low-cost instruction and coaching, and a variety of outdoor programs for children and adults. The purpose of the Bethel Outing Club is to promote Nordic skiing and family-oriented outings with particular emphasis on youth ski programs. Dozens of volunteers are required to run the sale, and to arrange a time slot the contact person is Beth Clarke at clarkeb@sad44.org.

The club has also just announced the return of the popular three-ski center season pass with unlimited skiing privileges at Sunday River Inn Cross-Country Center, Bethel Inn Nordic Ski Center, and Carter's Cross-Country Center. The pass is offered at a substantial discount, but must be purchased at www.bethelouting.org by Nov. 15, and there are a total of only 15 family and 15 individual passes available, on a first-come, first-served basis.

A pre-ski season meeting and potluck celebration for friends and members of the club will take place at the Bethel Inn Rec. Center at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 16. The pool should be available for swimming beginning at 3 p.m., at which time there will also be a meeting for board members. An informal discussion about coaching and athlete development will follow the supper, joined by Dick Taylor, master coach and author of numerous articles and books on training for sport.

*Kirk Siegel
Bethel Outing Club*

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'NO' ON TWO

To the Editor:

Question 2 on the Maine ballot seems simple and straight forward, "Do you want to allow a certain Maine company to have the only casino in Maine, to be located in Oxford County, if part of the revenue is used to fund specific Maine programs?" Simple it is not, deceptive and bad for Maine it is.

Let's first look at the simple language of "shall a Maine company." Is it? The "certain Maine company" spoken of when this was placed on the ballot was Evergreen Mountain Enterprises and Seth Carey a lawyer from Rumford. So now this "Maine company" is no longer the controlling interest but a company out of Las Vegas (Olympia Gaming), you know the town that "what goes on there stays there" (there's a real Maine value for you). So there's the first gotcha! The original controlling interest, Seth Carey ran into trouble with the Maine Overseers of the Bar over ethics complaints. There's someone you want starting up a casino in Maine!

Another gotcha is the fact that in the actual bill, 19 year olds can, not only work in the casino but gamble as well. Great, let's get our teens addicted early so they are lifelong customers. Another gotcha is the fact that the head of the casino would serve on a number of boards that would receive revenues from the casino. Great again, these people on our boards! Only 1 percent of that revenue would go to help with gambling addictions (read the bill). What does that tell you? Remember, the house (casino) never loses! That's how they make their millions they take out of state and use the rest to bribe our government to let them in. In my mind that last part of the question is called a bribe, you give them what they want and they will give you some crumbs! Do you want the gaming industry in your state government?

Pat LaMarche, spokeswoman for the bill, says provisions in the bill will be changed after the vote. Great! She admits there are many flaws in the bill as presented and that they will be changed after the vote! You have got to be kidding! Put a flawed bill on the ballot and ask the voters of the state of Maine to vote for it anyway. That's like a banker loaning you money and telling you that they will tell you the terms and interest rate later after you sign the contract!

Connecticut towns in which casinos are located showed no new businesses but Dunkin' Donuts and an increase in crime and traffic. Casinos want you to stay in there abode and gamble, period.

The whole idea of Olympia Gaming came late in the game and I believe for a reason. Keep opposing views from having the time to get out information to the voters of Maine.

The question comes at a time of financial problems throughout the country and these are the times predatory businesses thrive. The question appears simple but is far from it. I urge you to say "No" to Olympia Gaming, "No" to Evergreen Enterprises and absolutely "No" to a flawed bill.

Vote No on 2 — it's a flawed bill and is not good for Maine!

*Connie Moulton
Kittery and Newry*

'NO' TO TWO

To the Editor:

Here we go again! Those of us in Albany Township that fought long and hard to defeat a casino in our midst are having a bit of Post Traumatic Stress syndrome. We were a community of residents who knew that a casino was not reflective of the way we wanted Maine to be perceived to the world and despite all odds we defeated the attempt by the Passamaquoddy Indians to put one in our backyard.

Now it is happening all over again. Like the Presidential Campaign the effort is being spearheaded by slick ads that promise everything to residents of Oxford County, but in all reality will deliver nothing.

I urge all who vote to realize that just as before this amounts to nothing more than a transfer of taxable income. Residents of Maine need every dollar to survive in these harsh times, certainly casinos are not the answer anymore now than they were several years ago.

All that has changed is the amount of money being spent to promote gambling. My question is simply: If we would not allow the Indians to build a casino, why would we allow these Slick Willies from Las Vegas to build one!

*Dorothy J. Duddy
Albany*

A DREAM GONE DEAD

To the Editor:

Let it be known that on Oct. 14, 2008, the American dream is dead! That day the government bought into several American banks, violating our free market values. This marks a significant point in American history; it is the day that we contradicted our founding fathers. It is the day that Americans invested into a centralized government, rather than individual businesses. It is the day that we wasted the lives of thousands of patriots who fought in a war two hundred years ago to get away from the strong centralized and overruling government in England, exactly what we have now become. It is the day that we said to the large corporations, "We don't care about small business, as long as you get your early retirement." It is that day that the federal government and all its people bowed down to the large corporations giving in to the corporate leaders, telling them much like we showed the oil companies, that we can't get by without them. It is that day that we sacrificed our beloved morals, beliefs, and freedom for the chance at the possibility of more stable years in the economy. It is a sad day. It is the day we gave up something that we, nor anyone else might ever get back. It is after all, the day we Quit.

Follow up: It is unfortunate what has happened recently, some say it is necessary, some say it is good, some say it is bad. I say it is worse. The problem may be fixed for now, but the key word there is now. I feel as if we're once again putting a band-aid on the wound rather than stitching it properly. The large problem here is that in doing this we're giving the large corporations the trump card, slapping them on the wrist telling them not to do that again, but at the same time bailing them out and not punishing them properly. Yes, we might struggle economically for a few years, but the problem would then be fixed, and a free market would emerge, and if our lessons were learned then almost all government intervention would cease, the root of many of our problems!

"When the government fears the people, there is liberty, when the people fear the government, there is tyranny." Thomas Jefferson.

*Andy Whitney
Bethel*

HEADS SHOULD ROLL

To the Editor:

I made up my mind a long time ago about who I was going to vote for? I also realize that Democrats and Republicans alike are going to vehemently defend their candidate, but when I saw the quip in Chad McGrew's letter (I suppose if you're about to be shot down it's worth taking a chance), I consider an insult and a slam to Senator McCain's Viet Nam era imprisonment that he went through and his leadership and a defender of this country. So I take offense as an American citizen to his last paragraph to Sen. McCain who defended this country to give him and myself the exact right we have here today to write these letters. Nobody has defended the American veteran or worked across the party lines more than Senator McCain. Check his record.

What I will say is, "I would rather be flying with the person that knows how to fly the plane than the one that doesn't even know how to get it off the ground." I believe Senator Obama will do and associate himself with whomever he has to to win this election, crooked and the crooked.

Don't kid yourself if you think that we as Americans are going to get a tax break with Senator Obama. Senator Obama wants to tax corporations even more. As citizens of the U.S.A., we all know that corporations do not pay taxes. They pass this along to us. So much for a tax break that we might get. Also, if higher taxes get passed on to corporations, you will see more corporations going overseas, where they can avoid the United States second highest tax rate in the world and thus with corporation goes jobs, thus there goes paychecks for the American worker and less money going into the economy and more people on unemployment. Think about it. It just keeps going on.

On to my next point: In an internal bank meeting we had, recently this whole thing began with the Community Reinvestment Act in '77 and the Carter years. Then over the years more deregulation causes much bigger problems. This went through presidencies of both Democrats and Republicans. No one was immune to this. When Clinton said everyone should have homeownership. Nice but unrealistic. Not everyone can afford a home! Not everyone knows how to run a home! Not everyone has the credit to borrow for a home! Not everyone has the downpayment to put down on a home! It takes hard work to be able to have a home unless a relative helps you out these days to get into one you're not going to have a chance unless you went with these stated income programs.

I as a lender have done 100% financed loans through MSHA and RD. My lower income folks who got these loans from me have not had problems making their payments. Why, because they really wanted the home and they went through a homebuyers program and learned what it was they had to do to manage a household. They didn't get these loans in these 7/14 day hurry up and close loan programs these mortgage companies would do. Freddie Mac & Fannie Mae should be investigated to the nth degree and heads should roll.

*Jane Ryerson
Bethel*

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Our
Back
Pages

Compiled by Danna Brown Nickerson
10 years ago: Long-time Bethel School Board member John Brown was one of eight directors statewide to receive the Maine School Board Association's Distinguished Service Award.

Telstar High School's varsity field hockey team concluded its regular season with a 2-1 win over Jay.

A new paint job was restoring the Bethel Opera House to its original Victorian color scheme.

Births: Gabriel Michael Sylvestre, Matthew Arthur Bragdon.

Deaths: D. Brent Mann, Richard W. Andrews.

20 years ago: An earthquake measuring 3.9 on the Richter scale and centered just over the New Hampshire border was felt in the Bethel area.

The Unicorn Flower Shop and Garden Center was open for business at its new location on Route 26 in Bethel.

The Bethel IGA's deli manager Mabel Herrick and assistant Candy Howard won trips on the S. S. Scotia Prince courtesy of Jordan Meats.

Births: Alexandra Ingeborg Mohr, Michael Thomas Bolduc, Bethany Ellen Grover, Tiffany Bette Jordan.

Deaths: Kimberly J. Shriver, Thelma Kellogg.

30 years ago: The Telstar Rebels field hockey squad edged Messalonskee 3-2 to capture the Mountain Valley Conference title.

The Bethel Food Store advertised extra large eggs for 75¢ a dozen; Florida grapefruit, 4 for 89¢; honeydew melons, 99¢ each; and ground beef, 98¢ a pound.

Indian summer weather was reported in the area with temperatures getting into the 70s.

Births: Elijah Abbott Mafin, Joshua Brooks Morton, Monica Lynn Bean.

Death: Percy F. Crane.

40 years ago: An open house was held at Saban Milligan's all-electric, 200 cow, "free stall" dairy farm in Rumford Point.

The Bethel station of Grand Trunk-Canadian National Railway was scheduled to close Oct. 31 after 117 years of operation.

Work was progressing on the construction of a Catholic church on Route 26 in Bethel.

The Telstar Regional High School football team won its first game ever, defeating Williams High of Oakland 13-7.

Death: Mrs. Martha Littlehale Lane.

50 years ago: The Bethel Health and Service Council was collecting clothes and toys for Christmas baskets.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jackson lost all their household furnishings when a fire destroyed their home in North Newry.

The development of a state park in the Grafton Notch area was being urged by citizens of the Bethel-Rumford area.

Deaths: Mrs. Lillian A. Russ, Mrs. Eva M. Hill, Mrs. Ellsworth D. Curtis.

60 years ago: A local bowling team was being organized.

Pleasant Valley Grange held a successful fair at the Grange Hall, West Bethel.

Teachers of Union 22 held an all-day meeting at the Bethel Grammar School under the direction of Mr. Christie. They discussed the booklet "School Days" recently published by the State Department of Education.

The business of incorporating the West Parish Congregational Church and the West Parish Society into one organization was discussed at the annual meeting of the church.

70 years ago: A large bald headed eagle was frequently seen in the Sunday River valley.

Briefly**Special Town Meeting, candidates**

ANDOVER—A Special Town Meeting is scheduled in Andover for Thursday, Oct. 30 at 7 p.m. at the Andover Town Hall. Articles include: to see if the town will vote to authorize distribution of the volunteer pay to all responders based on number of emergency calls responded to during the year; to see if the town will vote to approve entering into a 2008-2009 agreement with Oxford County Commissioners to provide fire protection for surrounding Surplus areas for a negotiated flat payment for services (contract payment amount estimated at \$8,500); to see if the town will vote to take the income from the Oxford County contract and apply it to the Fire Department Contract Income Account (a carryover capital expense account); to see if the town will ratify payment of the 2008 installment for the bucket loader loan of \$12,075.36; to see if the town will vote to close the Town Hall for the months of Dec. 2008 through March 1, 2009; and to see if the town will vote to transfer from surplus \$7,000 to supplement the General Government Account. Two other articles listed on the warrant will be voted upon by secret ballot on Election Day, Nov. 4. They are: to elect a selectman for a 16-month unexpired term (created by the resignation of Donnia Libby); and to decide if current selectman Susan Merrow should be recalled. There are two candidates for Libby's seat: Lori Hall and Keith Farrington.

Pharmacist's license revoked

AUGUSTA—The pharmacy license of former Bethel Rite Aid pharmacist John Bartash Jr. was revoked last week by the Maine Board of Pharmacy. In late August, the board received a report from Rite Aid that Bartash, of Rumford, had been terminated from employment for allegedly diverting the controlled substance hydrocodone from the pharmacy, according to a consent agreement with the state's Board of Pharmacy signed by Bartash. According to the agreement, he wrote out a prescription for Vicodin 5/500 for his dog "Stella Rose" and signed the name of a local veterinarian on the prescription form. He then filled the prescription, dispensed it to himself and used the pills himself, according to the agreement. On Sept. 9, his license was suspended pending a full hearing. In addition to then having his license revoked, Bartash received a reprimand. He may petition the board for reinstatement of the license in the future.

Town accepts development road

WOODSTOCK—Voters at a special Town Meeting last week voted to accept the mile-long Rustic Outlook Road, 58-24. The road, off Route 26, serves a 12-lot development. It was built to town specifications. Town Manager Vern Maxfield estimated annual maintenance costs on the road at approximately \$8,000, with taxes on the lots expected to cover most of it.

Consolidation petitions filed

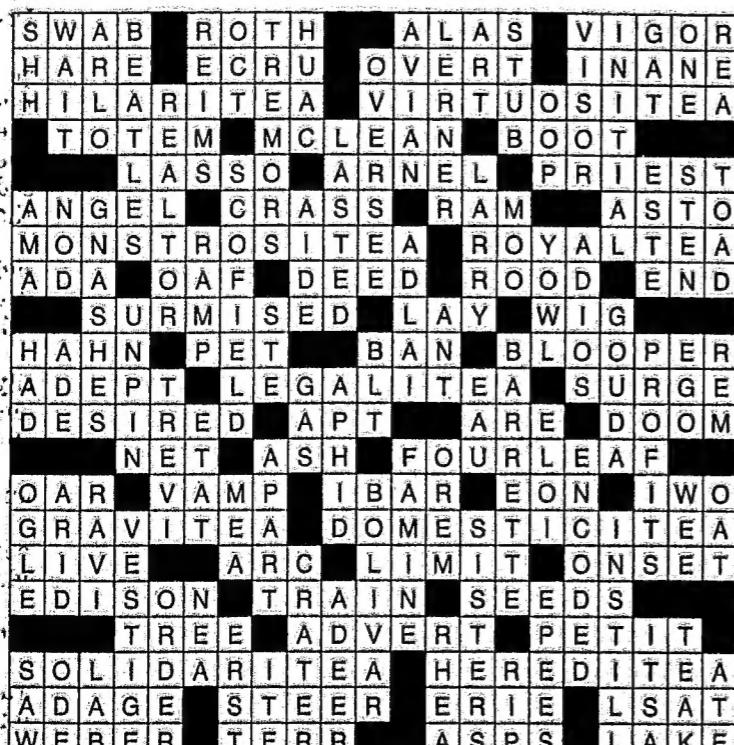
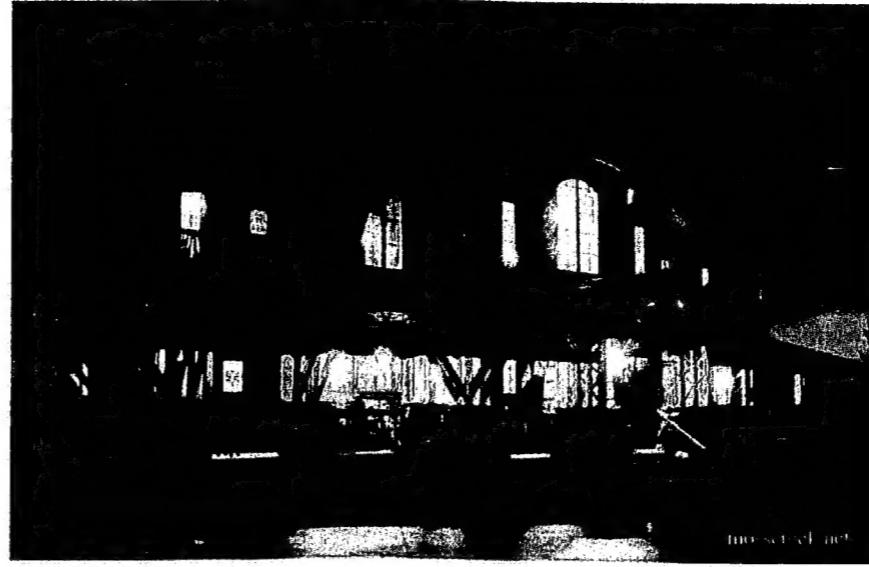
AUGUSTA—A group seeking to repeal Maine's school consolidation law has filed repeal petitions with the secretary of state. Lawrence "Skip" Greenlaw, who chairs the Maine Coalition to Save Schools, said the group delivered 61,142 signatures Friday. That's 6,055 more than the minimum needed to force a referendum in November 2009 if the Legislature fails to act. Greenlaw said the Secretary of State's Office indicated it would not review the petitions until January because of the busy election season. Critics of school consolidation maintain that the law is not producing the savings promised by its supporters.

Outing Club ski sale this weekend

BETHEL—Named last year to Skiing magazine's "Top 5 Eastern Ski Swaps" the Bethel Outing Club Ski Sale will celebrate its 28th anniversary with a dozen shops and thousands of alpine, telemark, cross-country and snowboard items. Sale hours are: Friday, Oct. 24 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 25 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Gould Academy Field House, Church Street in Bethel. Individuals are also invited to bring non-obsolete equipment to sell, subject to a 16 percent consignment fee, any time after noon on Friday. Tags are available at the sale for 50 cents per tag, or for "express tagging" in advance at the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, with up to four tags for free and 25 cents per additional tag. Persons with more than five items are encouraged to complete their tickets prior to the sale. Since 1980, sale proceeds have provided ski equipment to the cross-country ski programs in the local schools, free or low-cost instruction and coaching, and a variety of outdoor programs for children and adults. The purpose of the Bethel Outing Club is to promote Nordic skiing and family-oriented outings with particular emphasis on youth ski programs. Details about the sale and the club are available at www.bethelouting.org or by calling Kirk Siegel at 824-0717. Dozens of volunteers are required to run the sale. To arrange a time slot contact Beth Clarke at clarkeb@sad44.org.

Snow guns tested

NEWRY—The snow guns have been running at Sunday River Ski Resort. Sunday River officials said they made snow Sunday while testing out 70 new snowmaking guns that were purchased as part of a \$14 million upgrade. The "fan guns" are designed to make more snow at marginal temperatures while using less energy. Sunday River's mountain manager, Brent Larson, says the new equipment will position the resort to offer good early season ski conditions.

Super Crossword Answers**MERRILL HILL ESTATES IS NATURAL ELEGANCE. LOG IN AND CHILL OUT.**

The general architectural theme and style is best described as a mix between the Grand National Park Lodges "Parkitecture" and smaller scale Adirondack Camps and New England Cottages of the Eastern U.S. Every frontier has a leader and already these "hybrid" mixed media designs are blending with the natural elements on Morganite Way.

Merrill Hill's second street Tourmaline Way with underground power and fiber optics is now gearing up for the start

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Roads

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they're going to start picking up their own tab, plowing their own, and if they don't do that and the house burns, well it's their fault!"

"Gimme a break," he said, "if it's a town road maintain it."

Monday evening's discussion was prompted in large part by public feedback some selectmen received regarding work the town did over the summer on the far end of Swan Hill Road in East Bethel.

Town Manager Scott Cole said the town spent roughly \$7,000 on the section of road in question, which serves no occupied residences.

Everett said: "Do you realize how many calls I got when people found out we were doing work up on that hill? I bet I had 15 calls asking: 'What are we putting money up on that road for?'"

But Bob Chadbourne, who owns much of the land reached by the road, said that even if no one lives there, it still serves a public purpose. "People use it for hunting,

fishing, recreating, they use it for snowmobiling," said Chadbourne, a former chairman of the Bethel Board of Selectmen.

"The town has an obligation with a town road to maintain it," he said. "I don't think you can just walk away from it."

And Selectman Don Benett argued roads that have no homes today, often did, frequently hill farms, in the past and probably would again.

"I think we're short sighted when we want to take a road away [because no one lives there any longer]," he said. "Things are going to come around again."

The roads situation in Bethel is complicated by uncertainty over the status of several sections of existing road, and the fact that the town has not had a comprehensive road survey in more than 30 years.

But Chadbourne suggested that even if the selectmen were to study the earlier survey, much of the information they need in making such situations would be found.

Bridge to nowhere ... in Bethel

Prior to Monday's meeting, Cole had put together a list of seven roads for the Board's "initial consideration" of whether or not to pursue discontinuance.

Those roads, and the reasons for each being considered, were presented to the board as follows:

Swan Hill Road, upper end serves no households.

Kimball Hill Road, serves one household.

Rinaldi Road, summer maintenance only.

Abe Merrill Road, summer maintenance only.

Skilling's Road, far end serves one household, question on true termination, point of public portion.

Epper Road, serves one household? Does anyone benefit from winter plowing?

Smith Farm Road, serves no households in Bethel, town maintains a bridge to nowhere (in Bethel).

The Board is expected to take the discussion up again at its next meeting, Nov. 3.

Casino

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square feet. It began as a high-stakes bingo hall in 1986 by the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation and has about 40,000 guests per day, according to the Foxwoods website. Mendenhall said the impact from the casino on local services such as fire, police and particularly the school system has been significant.

More than 200 misdemeanors or summonses and 100 warnings are written each month, and one out of every three tickets is for an out-of-town visitor, she said. The police and fire departments had to increase their ranks despite there being no corresponding residential population increase, she said.

Although the casino jobs al-

lowed some local residents to "keep their houses," Mendenhall said that because the area could not support the number of jobs the casino was looking to fill, it brought in workers from outside the country. That affected the town, which did not have the affordable housing to support workers who are paid minimum wage or just above minimum wage, she said. As a result, some families were doubling up and living in single-housing units, she said.

Emergency dispatch calls for police, fire and medical help have risen from about 3,000 to 15,000 a year since the casino was built, she said.

Ledyard Town Planner Brian Palaia backed up Mendenhall's assertions in a telephone interview Tuesday, saying the only thing the community has seen in economic growth is a new Dunkin' Donuts and a hotel that was built by the casino.

Buyer

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other expected costs for renovations and maintenance.

"There are extensive, costly needs, but if the seller and buyer have entered into a contract with Maine Preservation, there will be funding assistance, as well as considerable expert advice and support," the paper said.

Over the past two years, volunteers have cared for the grounds and provided maintenance at the home.

During that time, the house has served as a meeting place for a variety of educational and cultural activities, including Lewin Center programs.

Bonnie Pooley of Bethel is a member of the FGH. She shared some of her feelings about preserving the home:

"After attending the three sessions of the Lewin Center Forum in the Gehring House last year, I realized more

strongly than ever what a town. The possibilities for classes, seminars, and meetings for all ages in Bethel are endless.

"We don't have another resource like this one. I would like it to become the heart of our town."

Nancy Davis of Bethel is another FGH volunteer.

"With lots of creative problem solving, we hope the gracious house might continue as a venue for cultural and educational offerings, as well as public celebrations like last December's community holiday party," she said. "We don't want to lose this precious community gem. Just imagine it in its fully restored glory."

For more information on the Gehring effort, contact Davis at nancydavis@megalink.net or 381-1110 or Jeanie Waite at waitej@sad44.org or 824-2780.

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Hancock

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\$182,021 to improve the efficiency of lighting and compressor systems, while Efficiency Maine provided \$45,874 in incentive funds toward the effort.

The PUC provided the following breakdown of savings in electricity:

The lighting investment reduced electrical use by 8 percent.

A high-efficiency air compressor saved 7 percent.

New production strategies that doubled the amount of lumber cut in each shift saved 6 percent;

The installation of variable frequency fans in kilns saved 4 percent.

The installation of variable frequency drives for water pumps to slow them when the need to wet down logs was reduced saved 1 percent.

Engineering analysis

Before the projects were implemented, Efficiency Maine engineers analyzed Hancock's existing systems and projected the savings, Vrabel said. The engineering advice is provided at no charge.

And according to Fred Bever, PUC public information coordinator, "Efficiency Maine's business programs, which provided the incen-

tives for the Hancock efforts, in 2007 achieved a benefit to cost ratio of \$4.56 to 1. That is, for every dollar invested, Maine consumers saved 4 and a half dollars in avoided electricity costs."

Promoted by rate hike

Halle said his company set a goal to improve its efficiency while preparing its 2007 budget.

A five-year electrical power contract was about to expire, he said, and the cost was expected to double on a new contract.

"We focused on reducing our electrical usage," he said.

"We said, 'Everything we do has to be about energy efficiency.'"

Halle agreed with Vrabel that the move saved jobs.

"Yes, absolutely," he said.

"If we were spending the money on electricity we wouldn't be spending it on labor."

In addition to the Efficiency Maine incentive contribution, Hancock also received a \$40,000 USDA grant toward the project.

The company was nominated for the PUC award by John Richardson, commissioner of the Department of Community and Economic Development.

Richardson made the nomination after touring the mill, Halle said.

The PUC also praised Hancock for promoting energy efficiency to others in the wood industry.

Halle said that when he goes to trade shows, he talks with other companies, including competitors, about energy-saving options.

Sharing ideas is part of an atmosphere of reciprocation among businesses, he said.

Next project

Hancock's energy-efficiency upgrades did not end with the grant projects.

Hancock recently upgraded the solid wood-fired boiler that generates steam for the dry kilns, eliminating the need for the oil-fired boiler, Halle said.

The wood-fired boiler burns mill by-products such as bark and sawdust, replacing the 400,000 gallons per year of oil that were previously consumed in the oil boiler, he said.

For phase two, said Halle, the company hopes to install a steam turbine that will produce electricity with the same steam that is currently being produced for the dry kilns.

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From the Bethel Police Log:**Tuesday, Oct. 21**

At 12:32 p.m. Chief Alan Carr assisted Bethel Rescue in carrying a subject with a broken ankle from woods off the Sunday River Road.

At 11:20 a.m. Chief Alan Carr received a report that a red Ford Mustang had driven across the covered bridge on the pathway next to the Parkway. On arrival there was no vehicle at the location.

At 11:20 a.m. Chief Alan Carr took information to issue a "no trespass" order to a subject at the request of a village business.

Sunday, Oct. 19

At 12:41 p.m. Officer Rusty Daley responded to a two-vehicle property damage accident at the intersection of Parkway and Lincoln streets.

Friday, Oct. 17

At 9:01 p.m. Officer George Gould responded to Main Street for report of an unwanted person. A subject advised she had sustained injuries from an altercation with an unknown male who had gained entry by using a screw driver in the doorknob lock. Rescue was called, but the subject refused transport.

From the Oxford County Sheriff:

(Bethel region)

Monday, Oct. 20

At 8:50 a.m. Cpl. Chancey Libby responded to the Howe Hill Rd. in Greenwood for a report of a threat.

At 2:16 p.m. Trooper Keith Tilsley responded to Acorn Drive in Greenwood for a report of a dog caught in a trap.

Saturday, Oct. 18

At 6:46 a.m. Cpl. Justin Brown responded to Route 2 in Hanover for two car-deer accidents.

At 12:13 p.m. Deputy William Nelson assisted the Bethel Police Department on the East Bethel Road in Bethel with a domestic situation.

At 4:51 p.m. Deputy Brian Landis responded to Woodsman's Loop in Albany for a report of a possible bail violation.

Friday, Oct. 17

At 6:38 p.m. Deputy George Cayer responded to the Gilead Road in Gilead for a complaint of a speeding vehicle.

At 8:41 p.m. Cpl. Brian Landis responded to the Old West Bethel Rd. in Albany for an ATV complaint.

Bethel

by Donald G. Bennett

What is down?

Irving and Mallard Mart gas prices were down to \$2.949 on

Monday.

Our wake-up temperature on Monday was down 22 degrees. Monday night's starlight display was the best I have seen in many months. The Milky Way was clearly twinkling from horizon to horizon.

Heating oil prices have also gone down. Brooks Bros cash price for heating oil on Monday was \$3.149 per gallon. A customer may pay their oil delivery bill within 5 days to still take advantage of the lowest price for oil.

Selectmen's meeting Discontinuance of certain town roads

At Monday's meeting nearly 45 minutes was spent on discussing the state of old and now seldom-used town roads. It turned out to be the best roundtable discussion period that I have heard all year. Bob Chadbourne also attended the meeting. Bob has over 50 years of practical land management experience as well as serving as selectman for six years, 1993-1999. Discussion ranged from discontinuing the least used along with its right of way easement to, on the other hand, the town has an obligation to keep the road open. Some questioned the specifics of town road boundaries. Bob Chadbourne

steered them to the old road surveying done by Dana Douglass in the 1970s. There is a map hanging in the short hall that connects the town office with the selectmen's meeting room. This map was produced as part of the road surveys. The map key lists 79 roads. Number 1 is Bailey Road and Number 79 is Winter Street; 78 is Wilson Road. Does anyone know where Wilson Road is located?

Pulling out the survey records to have available for the next meeting should help answer questions as to where town commitments lie (or end) on certain roads under consideration for discontinuance.

More about Ohio plumbers

Reference Joe The Plumber — Monday's NY Times — Paul Krugman reported in his column that in 2007 the average annual income of plumbers, pipefitters and steamfitters in Ohio was \$47,930 according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The NYT also ran an article from Biddeford, Maine, about the University of New England giving free bikes to freshmen who promise to leave their cars at home.

Natalie Timberlake at Maine Veterans' Home

Natalie Timberlake has been in the Maine Veterans' Home in South Paris since last Tuesday for a "rehab" program after injuring herself in a fall. Ross says that she would love to receive correspondence and calls at 743-6300, C-Unit extension 3585. The veterans' home address is 477 High Street, South Paris, ME 04281.

Life in Broad Street's sidewalk zone

In the Oct. 2 Bethel News,

I referred to the widening of Broad Street in the update about sidewalk replacement progress. Later I have found out that Broad Street will not be widened along the path of the sidewalk and sewer drain that is being replaced. Once the sidewalk is done, a grass strip between the curb and sidewalk will be re-laid. Old curbing that was removed for sewer line excavation is to be put back in place.

Residents in the work zone had always had to pump seepage water out of their cellars. Runoff water from Paradise Hill and meandering Sanding Brook have long created a drainage problem in this area. As part of this project, each property owner had to connect a special storm water drain pipeline to the newly laid storm water drain line of the town. Property owners had to pay the expense of this connection from their pump to their property line with the town right of way. This drainage system was in addition and separate from the regular sewer district system for which they get billed quarterly.

Going back to the days of early morning trotter horse and carriage racing on Broad Street over a hundred years ago, speeding is still a problem for residents. Widening the street could encourage

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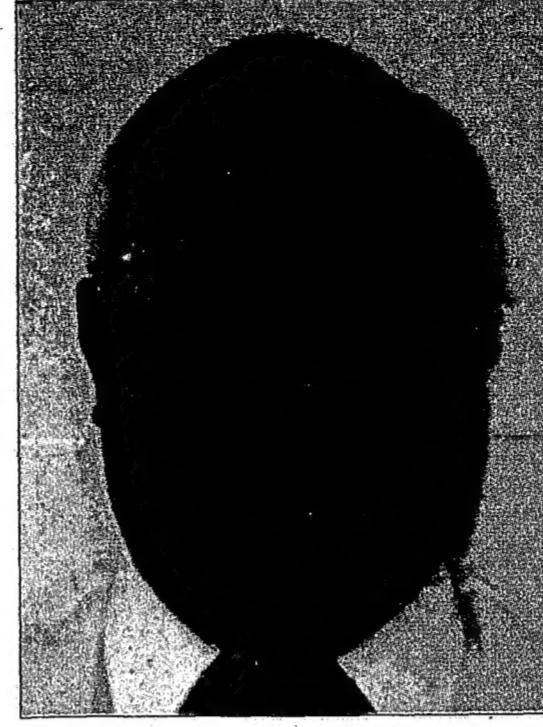
House District 14 — Sawin Millett



honor and a privilege to represent the citizens of District 95 over the past 6 years and I look forward to continuing to represent you in Augusta during the next 2 years," Millett said. A veteran member of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Millett continues to serve as the lead Republican on this important committee which is charged with reviewing and prioritizing all spending requests that make up the state's General Fund budget. "With nearly 40 years of direct involvement in state budgeting, I feel I am uniquely qualified to make the informed and difficult choices necessary to cause the state to live within current resources, as we all do in setting our family budget priorities", he said. Millett has a long record of public service in municipal government, as a teacher and school administrator at the local and state levels and 18 years of service in the Executive branch of Maine state government as an appointee of four different governors. His state government roles include top leadership positions in the Departments of Education, Finance, Administrative & Financial Services and Behavioral & Developmental Services. Millett and his wife Barbara operate a small family farm in Waterford. He can be reached at 583-4842 or by e-mail at Sawin.Millett@aol.com.

State Representative Sawin Millett of Waterford is seeking re-election to the Maine Legislature in House District 95 which includes the towns of Greenwood, Norway, Waterford and West Paris. "It has been an

County Commissioner, District 1 — Steve Merrill



Steve Merrill has announced that his campaign for re-election to his fourth term as a County Commissioner in District 1 is well underway. The District encompasses the towns of Bethel, Brownfield, Denmark, Fryeburg, Hanover, Hiram, Lovell, Norway, Porter, Stow, Sweden and Waterford.

ford, as well as Batchelder Grant and Mason Township. Now completing his 14th year of service, Merrill considers this upcoming term to be the most exciting time in his tenure as a commissioner. "We have a very energetic, forward thinking board that has taken steps to improve the way we conduct our daily business and deliver services to our constituents." Merrill has also represented Oxford County for over 10 years on the Maine County Commissioners Association in Augusta, where he served as president in 2002. Merrill grew up in South Paris, attended Oxford Hills High School and the University of Maine in Orono. Professionally, he worked for 26 years in the building supply business for Swan Supply in Norway. For the past 11 years he has been employed by Maine HomeCrafters in Oxford. Merrill has a long list of involvement in the community as a member of the Oxford Hills Rotary, Oxford Lodge, former director of the Chamber of Commerce, former vice-chairman of the Norway Planning Board, board member of the University of Maine Bryant Pond 4-H Camp, and member of various other boards and commissions. Merrill lives on Thurston Road with his wife Carol. Steve's daughter Christina, an accountant in Portland, will be serving as his treasurer.

Vote for ...

TIM CARTER

To the Editor:

We like Tim Carter's leadership for our new energy economy. Tim has also been a friend to our local schools and our environment.

Vote with us to send Tim Carter back to Augusta.

*Ken Hotopp and Robin Gorrell
Bethel*

SAWIN MILLETT

To the Editor:

Sawin Millett! Remember that name when you cast your vote for House District 95 on Nov. 4. State Representative Sawin Millett knows the difficulties that we face here in rural Maine and he has taken our concerns to Augusta. He meets regularly with other leaders at the State House, he is not swayed by partisan politics, and his colleagues overwhelmingly respect him. Sawin stands up for what is in our best interest and will not compromise his values and beliefs.

Sawin Millett is a person of integrity, honesty and loyalty — that's the kind of Representative that we need in Augusta.

There's no question in my mind that Sawin Millett has worked tirelessly for all of us and he has earned and deserves our vote on Nov. 4.

*Loretta Mikols
Greenwood*

TIM CARTER

To the Editor:

I am writing this article for Letters to the Editor to support Tim Carter for the Maine Legislature.

I have known the Carter family for many years and they are very special people. Tim Carter is a very compassionate man. He cares for the ordinary citizen and does not judge people (especially young people) who have problems that may be debilitating to their lives. This statement comes from one who knows this for a fact! I am a senior citizen and know that Tim is there for us also. This is what we need today, compassionate and kind legislators.

*Virginia Walker
Bethel*

THE DEMOCRATIC SLATE

To the Editor:

For years the county positions (Probate Judge and Register and Commissioners) have been regarded by the Republican Party as rewards for party loyalty. County government is an area that could be so much more. It could foster collaboration between towns, be a vehicle to attract grants in a way modeled by Sheriff Wayne Gallant, and could be a leader in the use of technology and customer service. The Democrats' 10-point for County Government is available at www.oxford-dems.org and at our offices in Rumford, Bethel, Norway and Fryeburg.

Our team of Democratic candidates is remarkable. Paul Dumas of Mexico and Bruce Rood of Norway are respected attorneys with a combined total of nearly 60 years of legal experience. They are committed to fairness and efficiency in the court and office and are supported by many fellow attorneys. They will continue their practices, taking their own cases to nearby counties to avoid any conflict of interest.

John Patrick of Rumford, a former legislator, and Charleen Chase of Bethel, former CEO of Community Concepts Inc., will be a powerhouse team on the Board of County Commissioners. Both have excellent leadership skills and the ability to craft consensus on difficult issues. John Patrick has great connections in Augusta, and Charleen Chase knows all of the county towns from her years at Community Concepts and has a wealth of management experience. They will take on tough issues such as the airport and the county budget.

Please vote for this great team on Nov. 4.

*Cathy Newell
Oxford County Democratic Chair, Greenwood*

TIM CARTER

To the Editor:

We plan to vote for Tim Carter to represent us in House District 91.

We have known him for many years as a friend and neighbor, and most recently as a capable public servant. We are impressed by his ability to balance a solid understanding of our natural resource heritage with the challenges of supporting and nurturing the local economy. He understands the connection between the two. Moreover, he is dedicated to providing a relevant and rigorous education for our children, another key component to the health of this region. He is a responsive and hard-working Representative, and we urge you to support him in that role on voting day.

*Martha and Kirk Siegel
Albany Township*

BARACK OBAMA

To the Editor:

An Obama spokesperson said recently, "McCain and Palin would rather spend their time tearing down Obama than laying out a plan to build up our economy."

The time, finally, has come for Americans to say we have had enough. The swift-boating character assassination intended to damage Kerry in 2004, which turned out to be nothing but a perverse distraction, sadly, worked on some.

Have we turned that corner to recognize deception and manipulation? It seems we have. The people, so far, are rejecting the wildly inaccurate smears on Senator Obama. The pace and rancor is increasing, however.

At a recent rally, McCain's running mate said she was glad to visit parts of the country that are pro-America. Does that mean they are good patriotic citizens while others, who may not agree with them, are not — sound familiar?

Let's not be fooled. Vote real change for us, vote Obama.

*Suzanne Dunham
Greenwood*

JARROD CROCKETT

To the Editor:

Soon the voters will go to the polls. Please consider Jarrod Crockett for our next state Representative for District 91.

Jarrod graduated from Gould Academy in 1996, received a bachelor's degree in political science from Radford University and has been an Intern for Olympia Snow. He went into the Military, and served as a Captain and Company Commander with an 18-month tour of duty in Afghanistan where he received the Combat Infantryman-Badge and Bronze Star Medal. Currently Jarrod serves as a Captain in the Maine National Guard and is a licensed Maine Attorney.

His main concerns are affordable health insurance, relief from the overburdened taxpayers, economic growth and education reform. With his education, leadership abilities, dedication and perseverance, he will be a great asset to our district and the state of Maine. Please vote for Jarrod Crockett on Nov. 4.

*Eleanor Jodrey
Bethel*

BARACK OBAMA

To the Editor:

Obama answered McCain's question about Bill Ayers honestly and, I think, satisfactorily during the last debate.

I heard today that the attack ads accusing Obama of some questionable relationship with Ayers are still being run in battleground states. It seems they are beating a dead horse.

Ayers happened to live in Obama's neighborhood. They volunteered for a committee the purpose of which was to improve the community. Since when does a member of a volunteer committee get the option of choosing the other members? That doesn't sound Democratic to me. We do still live in a Democracy, right?

I believe Obama has the vision, the intelligence and the personality to bring prosperity back to America. I think he will appoint people because of their knowledge and capabilities not solely for party loyalty.

*Nancy Willard
Woodstock*

TIM CARTER

To the Editor:

Representative Tim Carter has worked his tail off to represent the people of western Maine. I sit just two seats from him in the House chamber. I know how often he bucks his party. I know how often he takes issue with legislators from southern Maine. I know when he gets his dander up and fights to defend the interests of the people of District 91.

It's not an easy job to represent a large rural House district. As the former District Attorney for western Maine, I understand the challenges Tim Carter faces in covering this wide geographical area with such diverse economic and social challenges.

As a supporter of sportsmen, small business and farmers, Tim Carter has a work ethic that is unsurpassed, and he sticks up for rural towns at every turn.

A graduate of local public schools, Tim sponsored amendments to help rural Maine schools avoid penalties under the consolidation bill. He worked to make the state pay its fair share for students in the Unorganized Territories attending schools in SAD44 and SAD58. He sponsored innovative energy legislation and jobs bills and got bipartisan support for these efforts.

Representative Tim Carter is just getting started.

I encourage my friends in Oxford and Franklin counties to re-elect him to the House of Representatives. His experience and his unflagging determination will continue to serve you well.

*Janet T. Mills
State Representative, Farmington*

TIM CARTER

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter in support of a fellow legislator from Bethel, Tim Carter who represents District 91. I have now served with Tim for two sessions, and in that time frame I have grown to respect him for his many talents, his experience, as a wood harvester/farmer/ and as a consultant. As a member of the rural caucus that is made up of Democrats, Independents and Republicans Tim has always put his constituents first and has shown that persons in the unorganized areas also need to be heard.

Being from a rural area in northern Maine, I have many of the same concerns as Tim, and he has always shared his talents, and most of all his abundance of something many lack — that is common sense. Many of his life experiences as an officer in the U.S. Army, a farmer, a member of the USDA in Washington, a legislator and a family man, a lifelong resident of the Bethel area, lends itself for the voters in his district to give all of your support to this candidate. Tim serves on the Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry committees.

On Nov. 4 a vote for a hardworking individual, Tim Carter is the right thing for the voters in District 91.

*Ken Theriault
State Representative, Madawaska*

JOHN FRARY

To the Editor:

I just heard Mike Michaud's first campaign ad on the radio, and it was hilarious.

Why hilarious? I can't imagine how many takes they had, but it wasn't enough. It was authentic Mike — dumb as a post and proud of it. But when he said "I wrote the legislation that brought veterans" etc., I was astounded. Mike has never written anything in Congress that became law. He's introduced over 560 bills, and none has made it. He ranks so low with his fellow Democrats that when he raised an additional \$100,000 to buy a subcommittee chair on the Veterans Committee, they took his money and then gave him the snub. So this year, he gave them nothing. Sounds fair.

Where did he get the \$100,000 he gave Nancy Pelosi and friends? Well, some of it came from Fannie Mae, although Mike's handlers could probably weasel word it to make it look like it was some other money; Mike kept that money for his own campaign, etc. And now he's posing as the hero who said no to the bailout? That's rich. And whenever another mill closes, never a peep out of the great millworker hero Mike.

Mike needs to retire with his three pensions and stop feathering his nest at our expense. He's a national joke in the worst Congress ever. How anybody could vote for this guy is a mystery to me and obviously everybody else in Washington.

*Dan Smiley
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age more speeders — traffic coming down Paradise Street and from the Bethel Inn condos has caused increases in traffic particularly since the 1980s.

Some owners see the need of the new sidewalk but wonder how it affects the historic appearance of the neighborhood. Broad Street was accepted as a National Historic District in 1977, 31 years ago, and the district boundaries were expanded in 1990 to include some of Church Street and Park Street. However, a casual passer-by would not know that they are traveling through an historic district, as there have never been any signs identifying it as such. Homeowners in the district have never understood clearly who is responsible for its guardianship — owners, historical society or town. The town code provides some protection as far as building but it does not cover such an item as sidewalk construction unless it was part of a site plan review. It is possible then that the owners could form a Historic District Association, but such a move would have to be initiated by a district property owner. Bethel did have a village corporation at one time and West Bethel residents also formed a village improvement corporation for the purpose of getting a sidewalk laid from their post office to the rail depot.

Mail order shopping in 1909

Posted from North Newry January 18, 1909: to Mr. Ceylon Rowe, Bethel, Maine. "Mr. Rowe, Please send me 1/4 yard of cloth like this sample. I do not remember how much it was or I would send the money today but if you will have the Stage Driver pay for it I will be ever so much obliged. Mrs. W.D. Kilgore, North Newry, Me" (The envelope included a patch of material about 1 by 1 1/4 inches.)

The letter from Mrs. Kilgore was just one of many pieces of correspondence, invoices and other documents that had been donated by "Rollie" Chapman to the Bethel Historical Society. Another 1866 document lists about 40 people and the amount they donated, from \$1-10 each, to buy a horse (\$90), and harness as a gift for a family. And, familiar to us today, an 1866 document entitled Internal Revenue Li-

cense, issued by the 2d Collection District, State of Maine. The license was issued to Rowe, Grover and Co. An Act to provide Internal Revenue to support the Government to pay interest on the public debt and for other purposes which was passed in 1804 is the basis cited for collecting Ten dollars from Mr. Rowe.

Solar system installation

— step two

When we began planning a solar water and air heating setup, the first step was to make a chart for determining how much actual sun exposure would be available and to select the best location for collector panels. Last week Jim List had to figure out where on the roof bolts to anchor panel racks would go. We decided on using racks to increase the angle of the collectors due to the relatively low pitch of our roof. Bolts through the roof needed to be screwed into rafters to make a strong enough base to hold the collectors. Where there were no rafters, additional under roof framing had to be added. This job took a full day plus.

Along with anchoring the solar panels, a path for the piping and air ducts had to be worked out. The idea is to be able to get the pipes from the hot water collectors to the water heater in the basement without having pipes going from ceiling to floor through the middle of the kitchen. The supply and return pipes were to be covered with insulating sleeves. So the path for this plumbing needed to be 3-4 inches wide. Our pipes run down through a wall space available next to our vent pipe. New holes had to be drilled for this piping.

After the roof preparation was finished and the racks were fastened to the roof, Jim called in Mark Paase and our Mayville neighbor, Jeff Parsons, to help him hoist the solar panels up a ladder to the roof. The hot water panels weigh over 100 pounds each. The next day Jim was able to run the pipes from attic to our laundry room in the basement. He also had to have new electrical wiring run into the attic space to operate the fan for the space heater and pump for the hot water system. Along with these wires, he dropped thermostat cable down to the first floor and basement. That is how this week ended.

That's it for this week. If you have news you wish to see in the Bethel column please e-mail me

at Donald@thebetheljournals.info or donaldbde@roaddrunner.com and my mailing address is PO Box 763, Bethel, ME 04217.

Gilead



by Lin Chapman

This was another beautiful fall weekend, even though it was cold in the morning. It was finally cold enough to have a frost.

My brother, Steve McLain, had some help this past weekend with the never-ending woodpile. His son, Brad, came over to give him a hand.

Town Office

The clerk/registrar has been busy issuing absentee ballots. There have been more requests this year than there has been for quite some time. It could even be a record, since the number is now at 17. This may not seem like many, but there are only 151 registered voters on the list. There is still plenty of time to request an absentee ballot by calling 836-2987.

Reminder: New office hours for the town are Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the New Town Office on Depot Street. The Town Clerk will be available.

Fire Department

The GFD met on Tuesday, Oct. 14, at the home of Fire Chief Ken Cole. It was also a surprise birthday party for Ken. After the cake and ice cream, there was a short discussion on business for the department. The annual dinner that is sponsored by the Portland Pipe Line will be held on Oct. 29 and any member, who wished to attend, had to sign up.

The next meeting will be on Oct. 28 at the Fire Station at 6:30 p.m. All members should bring their turnout gear, radios, pagers and other accessories.

There is going to be an inventory taken to see what the department has and what is lacking for equipment.

Gilead Historical Society

This is a reminder that on Sunday, Oct. 26, there will be

a potluck lunch at 1 p.m. at the Town Hall, and that will be followed by a lecture on railroads by John Davis of South Paris.

This is an event that is open to the public, so bring a food item to share and stop by the Town Hall.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

West Bethel



by Lorrie Hoeh

Lately I've been feeling like the boy who cried "wolf!" I've been going on about the peak of the color season for about three weeks, and it keeps getting better. However, surely it is coming to an end as more and more leaves flutter to the ground. Usually about the time that we start to think about the need for raking, Mother Nature sends a big wind to do the job for us. Will she favor us again this year?

Mike put up the suet feeder in anticipation of woodpeckers and nuthatches partaking. Alas, so far neither has yet appeared. We do have many juncos pecking at the cracked corn on the ground. No turkeys yet, though. Jerry Vincent has had plenty of turkeys in his yard on Chestnut Knoll, but they haven't worked their way south to the Hockstet. We have seen a few white-throated sparrows in subdued plumage.

Last Tuesday there was a Women For Obama rally on the Bethel Common, attended by around 100 women, men, and children. Mary Herman, Angus King's wife, spoke briefly. The group repaired to L'Auberge afterward for refreshments.

Friday was Grandparents' Day at Crescent Park School. Naturally Mike and I went so that we could visit Marie Keane's classroom where Andrew Siegel, our youngest grandchild, is a student. We saw Andrew's research project on the computer, played a game involving decorat-

ing a picture of a Jack-o'-lantern, and watched as Andrew and some of his fellow Lego League members demonstrated their robots. Fifth grade surely has changed since we were in school!

The school was full of grandparents and "special persons." Gary Inman was seated at a table in the front hall, accepting donations for this year's fifth-grade trip to Boston. The fifth graders will be having a bottle-and-can drive in the near future, so save up your empties for them. The Inman's daughter, Ani, is among those looking forward to the trip.

Saturday afternoon several members of the Bethel spinning group traveled to Randolph, N.H., for an overnight spinning/knitting party at the family home of one of our number, Barbara Turnbull. Teatime was followed by an ample potluck supper, then a long evening of spinning (both yarn and "yarns"), knitting, and conversation.

The following morning we had a communal potluck breakfast. There were scones, muffins, bagels and lox, egg dishes, granola, Danish pastries, fruit, coffee, tea, and juice. This was followed by more spinning, knitting, and conversation. Around noon, everyone packed up and reluctantly left to return to the "real world."

Here on the Flat Road, it seems as if everyone is doing fall chores, buttoning up for the coming winter. Outdoor furniture is being stashed, delicate plants dug and stored, mulch being applied. We have exchanged the screen in the front door for the storm window insert. On Monday night we had the down comforter on

the bed for the first time since last spring. Mike has been stowing firewood on the back porch and in the garage. The frost is on the pumpkin, and the fodder's in the shock.

Pleasant Valley Grange will meet tonight. Potluck dinner starts at 6 and will be followed by the business meeting.

I would love to hear from you about what's going on in your life, your news and your views. Reach me at: 836-3011; dhoeh@megalink.net

Hanover



by Clem Worcester

Eugene and Elizabeth Fortin from Manteca, Calif., recently

spent a week visiting his parents, Bob and Elsie Fortin, and his sister, Darlene. Among the highlights of their vacation was a trip to the summit of Mount Washington on the Cog Railway.

Judy Ray has departed Howard Pond to return to her Austin, Texas, home. While here she and Jim visited with Steve and Louise Lovejoy at their Grover Hill home in Bethel.

Tim Bruce has returned home from the Ironman Triathlon at Kailua-Kona, Hawaii. He timed in 11 hours, 51 minutes and 59 seconds to place 1,086th. He placed 172nd in his age group that consisted of 230 competitors.

The Searchlight Club from the Rumford area met last Friday at Gail Parent's home in Hanover. The special speaker was Linda McGregor who

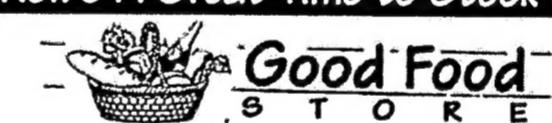
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lives in Rumford Point. Her topic was steamboat travel on the Androscoggin River. There were apparently two steamboat companies that operated as common carriers along the river, one from Hanover and one from Rumford Point. The Hanover boat ran from about 1889 until the early 1900s. Mrs. McGregor also spoke about present-day locations of some of Hanover's historic houses. She used "A History of Hanover, Maine" by the late Alfred Howard and conferred with local history buffs to support her presentation.

Sen. Susan Collins toured the area last Friday making several stops in Hanover. Her first stop was at the home of former state Sen. Norman K. Ferguson, Jr. where she presented Norm and Barbara with a bouquet of flowers, because they both have recently had illnesses. From there they stopped at Gordie Howe's Store where she was greeted by a large group of well-wishers. She spoke to everyone there, especially children, and was treated to fresh homemade cookies. Sen. Collins and those with her returned to their bus and traveled on to Newry and Bethel for other planned events. Former Hanover resident Jessica James, who is on Senator Collins' staff, organized the events.

A Public Hearing took place at the Hanover Town Office on Oct. 15 for the purpose of advising Hanover citizens about the ramifications of the proposed Western Foothills School District reorganization plan. About 14 Hanover citizens attended the hearing. Superintendent James Hodgkin from SAD43 and Superintendent Dr. Tom Ward from SAD21 led informative discussion. They, with the help of a power point program, set out plans for Hanover and SAD43, 21 and 39 to merge into a single unit with 3,100 students, with one administrative office. The plan continues the option for Hanover residents to send students to SAD44 in the Bethel

area and Gould Academy. Hanover voters will vote on the referendum article during the Nov. 4 General Election.

The Comprehensive Plan Committee met Wednesday evening and reviewed the draft for the Inventory and Analysis portion of the plan. During the November meeting they hope to begin work on the elements of the new comprehensive plan.

The warrant has been posted for the annual Hanover Town Meeting. The meeting will be Tuesday, Oct. 28, at the Hanover Town House starting at 6 p.m. A Select Board meeting will precede it at 5 p.m.

Next Saturday Brian Worcester and Sara Clark plan to be married in a ceremony in Rumford. Last Saturday Brian's parents, Donna and Clem Worcester, hosted a rehearsal supper at their Hanover home. The guests of honor were Brian and Sara along with Kaylynn, Shawnee and Makala Worcester. Also attending were Sara's great-grandmother, Frances Carson from Pennsylvania; Patricia Clark and Edwin Pulk from Carthage; Butch and Vicki Clark from Rumford Point; Sue Galligan from Wilton; John and Tammy Bernard and Scott Tripp from Rumford; and Matt and Jenny Tirrell of Oxford.

Mason

by Richard Grover

Mona and I have been trying to find time to go camping this fall. With all our little commitments (honey do lists, medical appointments and other tasks) we couldn't find time (when weather was good) to go "up north," so last week we decided to spend a couple days at Crocker Pond campground, a full six miles from home. Wednesday afternoon was beautiful and warm, so we decided to follow the woods road from Crocker Pond to Round Pond; Mona kept a hold of the end of Snuffy's leash, and I carried my .12

gauge shotgun just in case an unwary partridge wandered into view.

It seems like there are a lot fewer partridges around here these days than when I was growing up. I used to be able to spend a half hour or so after school and scare up two or three of them almost every time I went out. Now, I'm lucky to see or hear one every third or fourth time I go looking. Anyway, about half way between Crocker and Round ponds, I heard a drummer doing his thing in the woods on the steep uphill side of the woods road and decided to try and stalk him.

Now, that reminds me of when I was a teenager, and we had an adult friend, who shall remain nameless, who stated to Brother Rupert one time, "Ain't it funny how a partridge will beat his head against a rock to make that drummin' noise?" We had a lot of good laughs with that one. For those of you uninitiated in the ways of "partridgehood," the sound of a drummer drumming is sort of like someone in the barely audible distance slapping the side of a barn with a straw broom — "Thud, thud, thud," slowly at first, and then quickly picking up speed like the sound of an ATV engine. In making this noise, the drummer (a male partridge) uses this unique ritual to attract a mate. Why some of them do it in the fall, as well as in the spring mating season, is a question I am not prepared to answer. I think it is just some young fellas practicing to get their courting technique down right before facing the need to put it to use for real. A lot of guys do not believe me when I tell them about stalking drummers drumming in the fall!

At any rate, a lusty drummer will pick a high spot in the woods, either a rock, stump, log or other object that gives him a good view of his surroundings, so he can see his prospective lover coming, I think. He hops up on his drumming spot, looks around to see if anybody is watching, and then begins slapping his

wings against his body. As he does this, his wings slap so fast they appear as just a blur for a few seconds, until he stops, exchanges his breath. Then he repeats the process, sometimes many times over the course of a day. Sometimes you can identify a drummer's "drummin' spot" by a collection of partridge poops around it.

This drumming habit gives a hunter a real challenge, because the drummer has a really sharp eye when watching for a mate; at the slightest movement that isn't another partridge, he will hop down off his drummin' spot and run off or fly in the opposite direction. I have successfully stalked a drummer only a couple of times in many attempts, but even catching a split-second glimpse of a drummer disappearing into a fir thicket makes the effort worthwhile. I was not successful last week!

Andover

by Melinda Averill

Last Friday afternoon, Senator Susan Collins made a visit to

Mills Market. Several of us were on hand to greet her and her entourage. She was in the Rumford area in the morning. After leaving Andover she stopped at Norman Ferguson's in Hanover, Bear River In Newry and then went to a reception at the Bethel Inn.

Two more days for The Haunted Walk! Saturday, starting at dusk (about 6:30 p.m.). Remember, new this year is the starting point, Andover School. Rain or shine the event will take place and those waiting in line to be haunted will be warm inside the school gym. See you there! (Any questions, you may call Cindy at 392-2051.)

One last reminder about the Benefit Supper and Chinese Auction for Bryce Walk-

er from Bethel who is battling Leukemia. It is on Sunday, Oct. 26, at the Legion Hall in Locke Mills. It will run from 4 to 6 p.m. Auction doors open at 3 p.m. and the drawings will start after the dinner at 6.

Happy belated birthday wishes to Courtney Currier, last Tuesday. Celebrating a birthday this week: Kayla Morton on Sunday, the 26th, and Deagan Conrad on the 28th.

Rumford Elementary School's Craft Fair is this Saturday 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Total moose tagged at Mills Market this year was 45.

The Andover fifth grade class will be having a Family Fun Dance, tomorrow (Friday). It will be from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. They will also be having their first bottle drive on Nov. 15. Start saving your returnables now. Bottles may also be dropped off at the school porch at any time. Any questions, call the Elementary School. All of the fundraising goes toward the fifth grade end-of-the-year field trip, which this year is planned for Boston.

Congratulations to former Andover resident Esau Cooper and Amber Searles, who were married on Saturday, Oct. 11. The wedding took place at the First Congregational Church, with Pastor Jane Rich, and was followed by a reception at the Town Hall.

Have a nice weekend.

East Andover

by Joan Stinson-Carney

I want to welcome into our world Camryn Chamberlain. He was born at Rumford Hospital on Oct. 17. His mother is Cassey Gaunon, his father is Bradley Chamberlain. His maternal grandparents are Andover residents Amy and Lewis Stetson. His paternal grandparents are Shannon and Lisa Sumner. His maternal great-

grandparents are Andover residents Anna and Mark Thurston. His uncle Jeff Stetson, age 8, can hardly wait to spoil him and teach him everything a boy should know.

Oct. 17 turned out to be a very special day for my sister and brother-in-law, Donna and David Gagne, also. Their first grandchild, Mia Daisey Gagne, was born in Manchester, England. So I guess that makes me a really great-aunt. My mother, Marjorie Stinson gets to celebrate two great-grandchildren's birthdays on the same day. She is a little upset that Mia wasn't born on the 20th so she could share her birthday. Happy Birthday Mamma - 87 isn't really all that old! (She's really gonna get me for that.)

I want to thank Mary Bailey for helping surprise her at Bible Study on Monday.

When you go into the River Valley Grill in Rumford to eat, ask Cathy Knowles for her recipe for deep fried pickles. Sounds good doesn't it?

Barbara and Orville Meissner are pleased to announce the "birth" of an 11-plus pound turnip. Guess Orville had to have help getting it out of the garden. How many different ways are there to cook turnip? Bet Barbara is finding out.

The East Anover Community Club met on Oct. 14 at the Calvary Bible Church. Hostesses were Mary Bailey and Lorena Simmons. The next meeting will be at Marge Towne's in November.

There will be a flu clinic on Oct. 31 at the Town Hall; if you are eligible, make sure to bring your Medicare Card, so you won't be charged for the shot.

I'm not going to tell you who celebrated her 50th birthday last Saturday, but her initials are Hope Peterson. Happy Birthday, Hope.

Former East Andover resident Wanita White Offhouse and her husband Greg were in town last week visiting relatives. It was great to have coffee with her and JoAnne Palmer.



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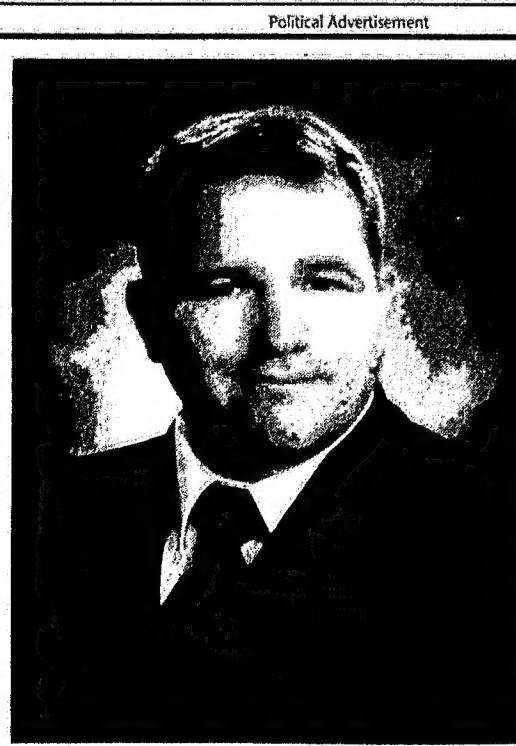
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By the time you read this, the teams for the World Series will be set. Tonight, Sunday, will decide if the Red Sox are in it. If they make it, it's gonna be a tough time at my son Tom's house. His wife Sue was born and raised in Philadelphia, and Tom was born and raised in Boston. Divorce, anyone? Just kidding, I hope. See 'ya.

Greenwood City



by Wayne Hakala

Family, friends and neighbors joined together on Sunday to wish Joe Fournier well. He leaves for Marine Corp. boot camp on Oct. 19. We all know he will make us proud! But Joe's granddad is disappointed that Joe isn't going in the Navy. We know that he will do well.

On Halloween evening, the 31st, the Legion Auxiliary is doing a party for the kids from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Greenwood Town Hall. At 6:30 there will be a costume contest. Then at 7 p.m. is a pumpkin-carving contest. So bring out the little ones and enjoy a good time.

The Newry FD members helped out the Legion recently by providing their ladder truck for some maintenance at the Legion. We needed a new chimney cap, and, as the chimney is rather high, we did not have a safe way of placing the cap. Stan was telling some friends in Newry of the problem we were in. The

good people of Newry thought it proper to return a favor by helping out. So the day that Newry Fire was helping out at Bethel for the Fire Prevention Week, they swung by and put Stan up to the top of the chimney. Stan did an excellent job of replacing the cap. Many thanks to our wonderful neighbors, the Newry Fire Department.

On Nov. 6, the Legion will be hosting the Boys and Girls State dinner. Jamie has been in contact with the Bethel Legion Auxiliary and we will be hosting the Bethel group as well. Do hope that all will be able to attend. The program really gives these young adults a good look about our government in action. Plus they receive three college credits, which is a big savings in the future.

Saturday morning, Anita and I helped out at the polls for the Absentee Ballot voting day for Greenwood. We had eight votes plus we voted too. Making sure ours was in. Anita will be working with Carol Henderson for the evening shift. I'll be helping with the counting after the polls close.

I finished my therapy on Thursday afternoon. Maybe I can get a few more tasks done now. And seeing as how we had Legion meeting in the evening we ate an early dinner at Market Square. I had the Baked Stuffed Haddock and a salad. That haddock was excellent. Anita had the marinated Sirloin Tips and was equally happy with her dinner.

Monday, we have to go to Windham to pick up our new glasses. So we will try out the new Gilberts Chowder House.

I'm hungry now.

At the Auxiliary Harvest Supper last Tuesday, was a lively crowd. I was pleased to see Mr. and Mrs. Dick Douglass in attendance. And when the Keniston's arrived, I received a wonderful hug from Ginny. Anita made sure I had a slice of Ginny's lemon pie. It was so good and could have eaten more. The mincemeat pie that Honey brought disappeared before a decent time. But a very good time was had by all. Too bad it was the last one of the year.

Time to pay attention to the Red Sox. They need some encouragement!

Upton



by Laurie Brown Keona Bouchard introduced her great-grandmother, Ginny William

son, to her classmates during "Grandparents' Day" at Crescent Park School. Both Keona and her Nana enjoyed their special time together.

Errol is hosting Flu Clinic on Oct. 24 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Ellie LeComte told me that although there are a few diehards, most boating enthusiasts have taken their boats out of Umbagog Lake.

It was fascinating to watch Sweat's camp being relocated to its foundation up through Joe's field and up a narrow, steep hill. Andre and Flossie, with their equipment and ingenuity, successfully accomplished their goal. Penny and I trailed along be-

hind with our cameras and were amused by a field mouse high-tailing it out of the camp, down the side and into the woods while the camp was in motion. We figured the mouse had no desire to live in a mobile home.

Oct. 16 marked the 250th birth anniversary of Noah Webster, who compiled the American Dictionary of the English language in 1828.

Webster strived to establish cultural independence from Britain by emphasizing distinct American spelling and pronunciation by shortening spellings of words. For example, he shortened "tongue" to "tung," but obviously it didn't take. He shortened "colour" to "color" and it took too well since most of Britain now uses that spelling, thereby foiling his goal. In fact spell check on the computer doesn't recognize either of his shortcuts as correct. Mr. Webster would probably be amazed if he were to peruse the dictionaries we use today.

The Planning Board will meet on Oct. 24.

The next day, we're hoping there will be a tremendous turnout of volunteers to cut the brush by the schoolhouse and make a park which will complement the center of town.

Mr. Dutton owned one of the biggest department stores in Boston and he owned Dutton's Island. He built a massive home on the three acres he acquired in 1879. The winter wood supply was hauled across Umbagog Lake. Drinking water was taken to the island from Tyler Cove where it was stored in a huge tank which was concealed by a

"lighthouse" structure. Mr. Dutton also owned a nine-hole golf course. He entertained people of great wealth and renown. In 1945 the Union Water Power Co. bought his island from his heirs and tore down all the buildings except a wing of the house, which was moved across the ice and re-established on Mill Hill at the Peaslee place.

Upton seemingly had an amazing number and vast variety of entertainment and businesses in its day, even though, at its peak population, it was still considered a "one horse town" by city folk.

Many people considered Upton their destination not a dinky little town they needed to drive through to get somewhere else. Today it seems difficult to retain a store for more than a few years running. We do, however, still enjoy gorgeous mountains, lakes, streams, flowers and wildlife.

The coyotes have been howling like crazy up here. Besides making such a racket, they have been rude enough to leave their deposits up and down our driveways and ROW's.

Enjoy your week. Selah.

Newry



by Sylvia Harrington On Columbus Day, Shannon Summer and his wife, Lisa, came out to clean the chimney and stove. Last year, Lisa and I visited with each other, but this year was his helpmate. Lisa

took the flues and cleaned them of ash and I occasionally held the flashlight while Shannon was doing the inside of the stove. I would say they make an excellent team. It still isn't too late to have your chimney cleaned. Give Shannon a call at 824-3069 to make an appointment.

Last week Leon Dunn and his sons, Glenn from Andover and Mike from Milton Plantation, along with Barry Carver from Bethel went moose hunting at Richardson. Mike was the only one with a moose permit, and he tagged a 17-point bull moose.

The Grafton Notch Campground closed on Columbus Day. They had an excellent summer in their refurbished site this year. Plans are for a May to Columbus Day season next year. The campground is run by Mark Wight with help from Mo Ginther the days she isn't working in Bethel.

Congratulations to Amber Brooke and Brian who were married this past weekend at The Newry Community Church.

The leaves, which have been very lovely, are falling at a rapid pace. I can now see the top of Puzzle Mountain.

We had our first frost this past Sunday, so it's time to put insulation around the house and the spots that need touching up each year. Welcome to Newry to Brad and Beth Clarke and children. They have been working most of the summer getting their property in good shape. They bought a home on Bear River about a mile before the church — perhaps as a seasonal residence at this

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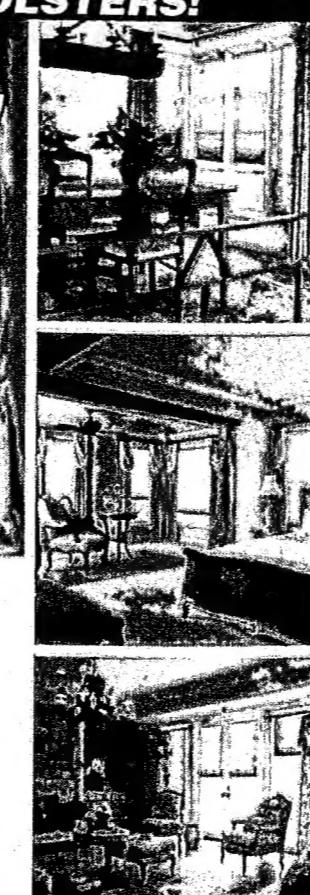
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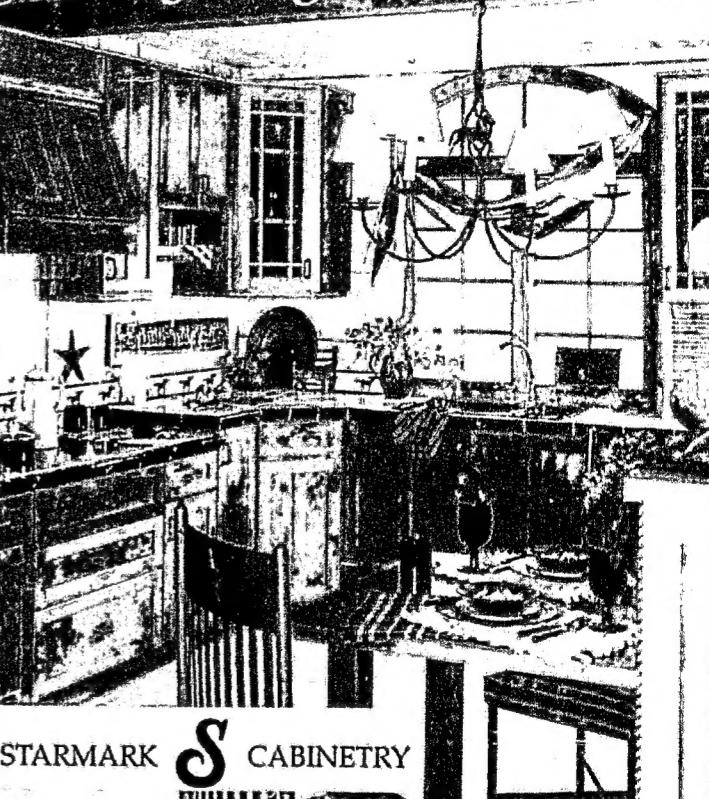
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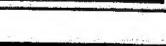
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time. Karlene Bachelder and her sister, Wilma Stewart from Unity, who is staying with her awhile, went to Bethel's Best with Gil Seeley last week.

It is still not too late to do trail work for the upcoming season of the WVSC or to join the club. Call Leon Dunn at 824-3335 or Ed Powers at 1207-739-9618 for information. Applications can be obtained at the Bear River Trading Post.

Tomorrow is Gilberte Seeley's 101st birthday! For those wishing to send her a card or greeting, her address is: 1375 Bear River Road, Newry 04261. Many happy returns of the day to a very dear human, Gilberte.

Absentee voting can be done at the Town Hall when it is open. To vote on Nov. 4, go to the Town Hall. Dog tag licenses are now available at the Town Hall.

The Board of Selectmen meets on the first and third Monday of each month. The Planning Board members meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Their agendas are posted at the Town Office. If you need more information about these meetings, you may call the Town Office at 824-3123. All meetings at the Town Office are open to the public.

Locke Mills



by Loraine Larson

I can't remember just when I wrote last, so please bear with me if I repeat.

I think it was when I had just learned that Diane Thurston had died. I did attend the visiting hours and the funeral, which was very nice as far as funerals go. Nancy Fox wrote a lovely tribute and her daughter-in-law, Davina, sang "Wind Beneath my Wings," which was beautiful, and there were other songs and remembrances as well.

That was on Tuesday and Wednesday evening I went to Bible study. By Thursday evening I was very sick with a virus; and, because Ralph was staying here waiting for the car to be fixed, he caught it as well. I had made mention that I would get to Bible study every Wednesday, due to us studying the prophecies of Ezekiel, if I had to crawl, but when Wednesday evening rolled around I couldn't even crawl, so it was one more reminder that it is not wise to

make casual comments that need fulfilling.

I missed three therapy appointments for my shoulder pain; but, I guess the first one I had helped, because the pain was gone.

Last weekend was quite a blast because I am still coughing and sneezing, and so is Ralph, but I had told Debbie Brown I would take Brutus for the weekend so she and Owen could go to New Jersey; so I did. Of course, he had Kia, because Lorene was visiting relatives, so it was a circus around here. Chloe is quite intimidated by Kia and Kia hasn't quite figured out if we are saying Chloe or toy, so she tries to roll her around and flip her upside down and stomp her on her. Chloe just lies on her back and puts her feet in the air in a typical submission mode for dogs. So she decided to try the same thing with Brutus. Now he weighs about two pounds less than Chloe but he wasn't about to put up with that nonsense. With a snarl he leaped up and nipped her nose. Luckily there is not a mean bone in Kia's body, so she just backed up and looked bewildered. Then Brutus took off around the house with Kia after him and Chloe putting in her two cents worth by barking at them both. Around and around they went until Brutus got tired and went under a chair. Then they would do it again.

Anyhow, Friday, Ralph had the car and he went home; by the time Monday rolls around Brutus has gone home. Chloe went up on the couch and sacked out until it was bed time, then she went to bed. She slept most of the day on Tuesday.

When Debbie picked me up Wednesday evening for worship practice she asked me if Chloe had been sleeping a lot and, when I said that she had, Debbie said Brutus had been, too, so she wondered if he wasn't feeling well; but apparently he was just tired. I thought back over the weekend and the circus it had been, and said that I guessed he was entitled!

I still have some congestion but it is nowhere near what it was so Ralph and Lorene took me to Norway to my therapy appointment. There was only one problem. The muffler on the car had fallen off and so it has to go back to the garage to repair that. I told Ralph that maybe we needed to put Art on retainer!

One thing that did happen while I was out of circulation, and that is Paul Bartlett died.

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I am sure the town joins me in giving its utmost sympathy to his wife and family. I am sure that others along with myself will miss his warm smile and friendly conversations.

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West Paris

by Joyce Lamb

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13th Birthday with a party with Stacy and Larry Corbett and great-grandparents, Beverly and Vince Stevens and other family members.

Nineteen Perhams enjoyed a week's cruise to the Bahamas. Included were Joe and Peg Perham of West Paris.

Katherine Perham and Dr. Raymond Hicks were married at Rockport in an outdoor chapel by the ocean. Attending were Joseph and Margaret Perham, Jara Wilson, Sean,

Nardia, Koe, Caden and baby Reagan Wilson. Also mother of the groom, Mary Hicks of Florida, brother, Jeff Hicks, and Mary Amelia Hicks.

Muffin is excited with the dancing leaves especially when she is in the glass doorway of the porch and the wind blows them onto the sill. She would like to go out and chase them. I do bring her in a few but they do not move around for her. Probably should set up the fan to give her some activity.

Waterford

by Rockie Graham
It is Tuesday, day 30 and still cannot speak above a whisper.... The doc's office says it's going around. Great, at least I'm not alone. The most difficult part comes in not being able to use the telephone. That is now totally David's area. Of course he is usually the one who spends hours talking to buddies on the phone, anyway, but still he is not happy having to do so all the time. He doesn't like it "quiet around the house" as men keep saying — "must be nice being so quiet at your house!" Truth is, David is the talker, always has been. When this is all over, I will share some of the funnier stories about not speaking

Last week, I was privileged to go to a Women For Obama rally in Bethel. Many were older women, seniors if you will. Because it was early in the afternoon, there weren't as many young people. They have busier lives at that hour what with sports, after-school activities and what not. There were some really great signs, some of which I will tell you about:

OWL'S — Older White Ladies for Obama; WOW — Wise Older Women for Obama.

I guess us baby boomers and our elders are in full gear this election. I just wish I could do more. But being vocally disabled, I am limited on what I can do.

This past week, our house has been full of workers and loud equipment. Of course, one curious George four year old was all over the place, bugging the work crew with no one to baby-sit her. Thank goodness all the guys were great with kids. Special thanks go to Danny and Digger for all the work they did. When it is done, we will not only have this beautiful new deck, but the ramp will be finished. For years I've wanted a wheelchair accessible front door. Now I will have it. Thanks guys!

Halloween is a coming, so beware of young goblins walking the streets. Their costumes do not always lend themselves to good visibility. The big day is actually a week from next Friday, but who knows when they will take to the streets.

This weekend, the Bethel Outing Club will have their annual sale. It is a great time and place to get ski equipment at decent prices. It is Friday 6:30 to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at

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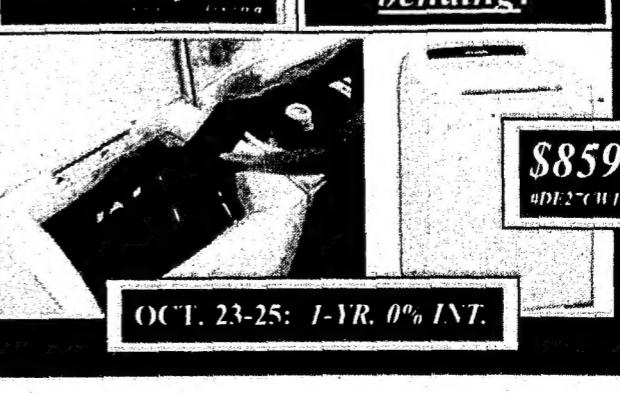
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Voting is heating up. Make sure you check out the issues and vote on Nov. 4. Even if you don't totally like a candidate, you have to vote for one or the other. Not voting is voting for the path of least resistance. If one does not vote, one cannot complain later. That is all for this week. Next week I will try and speak of heat. I know Harrison is doing great things to ensure all its residents are warm. I will check on what Waterford is doing. Anyone who wants to let me know (743-0583) or rockhead@roadrunner.com. Remember, I can only whisper on the phone. Have a great week, the snows are coming.

From

Friends of Gehring House

The Gehring House, Founders House, NTL House — by whatever name, this grand yellow house at the end of Broad Street has been an important part of Bethel's history.

Now the owner, the NTL Institute, has decided to sell the property it has owned since 1955. This prospect has mobilized a group of local citizens in articulating a vision for both preserving the beauty and history of the house and for dedicating it to the enhancement of the community. Having devoted creativity and enthusiasm to this project for the past two months, they are eager to share their ideas and invite the support of a larger segment of the community. They hope you will attend this community session on Sunday, Nov. 16, 1 p.m. at the Gehring House.

The planning group, calling themselves the "Friends of the Gehring House," represents a wide segment of Bethelites who have enjoyed the house through the decades in a range of associations. The Lewin Center leased and managed the house for the past two years, and the house flourished with programs and activities year-round. The Western Mountains Senior College and other educational groups held regular classes and programs at the house. Retreats, seminars, and workshops maximized the potential of the facility. A new series, the Lewin Forum, featured nationally respected presenters sharing their expertise on issues around diversity, community resilience, and personal effectiveness. Some "Friends" have been involved with NTL programming and individuals over several decades. A few even held their own or a family member's wedding in the house. All share the vision of continuing and expanding the community promise of the past two years.

Stan Howe and Randy Bennett of the Bethel Historical Society have chronicled the colorful history of the Gehring House, and local historian William Andrews has written about Dr. John Gehring, who had the house built in 1896. On the National Register of Historic Places since 1976, the property is of great interest to both the Maine Preservation Commission and the Maine Preservation Foundation. The hope is that the splendor of the house will be restored with the assistance of these organizations.

Now is the time to explore all options for saving this unique community asset. A "concept paper" is available;

call or e-mail: Nancy Davis at nancydavis@megalink.net or 381-1110, or Jeanie Waite at waitej@sad44.org or 824-2780. Learn more and contribute your own ideas on Nov. 16, 1 p.m. at the Gehring House.

From

Telstar High and Middle Schools

Parents, students, community members, school board members and business leaders are invited to spend the evening, Thursday, Oct. 30 answering questions that help drive decisions and instructional programming at Telstar high and middle schools.

The evening format is casual and dessert will be provided by the Friends of Telstar. Participants will be brainstorming answers to two key questions: what is essential for a Telstar High School graduate and what are we proud of and need to promote at Telstar.

Telstar administrators are looking forward to a dynamic and productive evening.

The evening begins at 6 p.m. in the Telstar library, and those planning to attend are asked to RSVP to Carole Corriveau at 824-2136 ext. 500 by Monday, Oct. 27.

Anyone who can't attend is invited to submit their responses via e-mail or telephone to either Sandy Schroeder, TMS Principal, schroeds@sad44.org, 824-2136, ext. 502; or Dan Hart, THS Principal, hartd@sad44.org ext. 345.

From

OHMPAA

A group of eight women in the Oxford Hills belong to an exclusive club of ex-wives who were all "married" to the same man.

No, he is not a bigamist. He is Elton Cole, an actor with a large fan base who performs with the Oxford Hills Music and Performing Arts Association (OHMPAA). All the women have been his stage wives in various comedies and dramas over the years.

Currently Cole is rehearsing his role in the upcoming big musical *Man of LaMancha* and is working with four of those former "wives:" Alison Whitney, Sally Jones, Kathy Davis and Jeanie Stone. *Man of LaMancha* is OHMPAA's last show of the year.

Cole lives in Woodstock and works at Stephens Memorial Hospital as its purchasing manager, a highly demanding job. His business-like demeanor in the daytime contrasts with an impish nature that prevails in the rest of his life.

As a result, many of the stories the "wives" tell about him are about how much fun and mischievous he is both on and off the stage.

"I think, mind you I think,

that in *Harvey* (1990), I was the first wife in the area. There are rumors that there were others before hand in Rum-

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ford, but as Elton and I played a dotty psychiatrist and his wife in the play, we can't remember that far back," joked Alison Whitney, a retired school nurse for SAD 17. She appeared with Cole in the comedy *Harvey* (1990) in which she and Cole played a married couple of questionable intelligence.

"I remember just laughing and laughing," said Sally Jones, part time teacher at SAD 17. She played Cole's wife in Neil Simon's uproarious comedy *Rumors* (1999). "Elton had about a long, three page monologue at the end of the show that was so funny, it was hard to get through every night without the cast breaking up. The audience certainly did. Also he created backstage posters of jokes, favorite lines, and biggest goofs, which were hilarious."

Rumors turns out to be Cole's favorite husband roll "because it was the wackiest. I loved the interaction with Sally Jones, especially during my long monologue at the end when she responds to my discussion. The cast remains one of my favorite ensemble groups, and the majority of us still get together on occasion and travel to other productions of the show."

"Elton is lots of laughs, lots of support and lots of fun! What a pleasure! Elton Cole as a husband in a play equals security!" said Jeanie Stone, Intervention Coordinator at SAD 17. She played Cole's wife in the popular comedy *You Can't Take It With You* (2004).

Cole not only gives a sense of security on stage, but, at times, receives it as well. In *Sylvia* (2000), Cole played a man in a midlife crisis who got a dog over his wife's objections.

"He paid more attention to the dog than he did to me!" said Kathy Davis who played the exasperated wife. Davis is the District Elementary Library Coordinator for SAD 17. That husband role turned out to be Cole's most challenging. "My mother died rather unexpectedly during the rehearsals, and I had a hard time focusing and memorizing my lines. Kathy had done drama with me in high school. Knowing each other for such a long time helped me tremendously."

The other wives were only



COLE AND WIVES—Chris Cole (left) real life wife of Elton Cole (center), looks with suspicion at four women who have played Elton's "wives" in various Oxford Hills Music and Performing Arts Association (OHMPAA) plays. All are now working with him on OHMPAA's musical, "Man of LaMancha." They are: Jeanie Stone, Alison Whitney, Kathy Davis and Sally Jones. Performance dates are Nov. 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22 at 8 p.m. and Nov. 16, 23 at 2 p.m. at the Norway Grange Hall on Whitman Street.

around for eight or nine shows," said Chris, Cole's wife in real life. "I have had a fantastic 30 year run and still going strong." Chris is good friends with all of her husband's stage wives.

"My wife is happy that these other wives give her a bit of relief," said Cole.

Does Cole have a favorite stage wife among the seven, who also include Jane Reisman in *Guys and Dolls*, Paula Easton in *Don't Drink the Water*, Linda Sturdivant in *Rebecca* and Cindy Reedy in *Cinderella*?

"Actually I have two, but I never kiss and tell," he said.

See Elton Cole and 24 others who make up the cast of the musical *Man of LaMancha* when it opens on Nov. 13 at the Norway Grange Hall on Whitman St. In this show, his wife "has a little black mustache," but fortunately, she never appears on stage.

The play retells the inspiring and often humorous story of Don Quixote, who longs for a kinder and gentler time in the past. He believes he is a gallant knight who fights for justice and seeks his lady. Instead he fights windmills, but, along the way, he gives hope to all he meets, and, in turn, gives the audience hope as well. The show won five Tonys and has been performed in many languages around the world. It showcases the song, "The Impossible

Sweden is Quixote's niece and Steve Sessions from Andover is the doctor.

The shows content is of an adult nature and suitable for mature audiences only.

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for 12 and under. They are available at Books-N-Things, Main St., Norway at 739-6200, and at the door.

From
Sunday River Christian Ministry

Interdenominational church services on the mountain — Hope you enjoyed our Fall Festival service at Sunday River's North Peak Lodge deck! Our '08-'09 season continues with our special annual Candlelight Christmas Eve service Wednesday, Dec. 24, at Barker Mountain Lodge by the fireplace. Regular services start Dec. 28, continuing each Sunday until our traditional mountain-top Easter Sunrise service on April 12, 2009. Call Rev. Don's Coverdale's cell phone (781-710-8086), 824-5898 (machine), or see listings/ads in the Bethel Citizen and Sunday River. This week newspapers for details. Peace be with you!

School Lunch Week of Oct. 27

Telstar Lunches

Monday: Chicken tenders, curly fries, peas, peaches, pizza choices, BBQ rib/bun.

Tuesday: Make Your Own Sandwich Bar. Chips and salsa, pizza choices, spicy chicken patty.

Wednesday: Gyro flatbread sandwich, stuffed shells, garlic bread, pizza choices, hot dog/roll, chicken patty/bun.

Thursday: Home style turkey/gravy, mashed potato, steamed vegetable, apple crisp, pizza choices, 2 hot sandwich choices.

Friday: Chicken caesar wrap, hoagie deluxe, fish and cheese sandwich, oven fries, pizza choices.

Four fruit and vegetables choices daily. Veggie burgers available daily.

SAD44 Elementary Schools Lunches

Monday: BBQ rib/bun, spicy curly fries, peaches, hot dog/roll, pb&j.

Tuesday: Chicken caesar wrap, chips and salsa, fresh fruit, pb&j.

Wednesday: Stuffed shells w/spaghetti sauce and cheese, garlic bread, pb&j.

Thursday: Home style turkey/gravy, mashed potato, steamed vegetable, apple crisp, hot dog/roll, pg&j.

Friday: Pizza choices, plain and pepperoni, veggies and dip, casperian ice, pb&j.

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From
**Bethel Historical
 Society's Regional
 History Center**

Recent research conducted at the Bethel Historical Society's Regional History Center reveals that a former U.S. Congressman has Bethel and Gould Academy ties.

Society Director Stanley R. Howe announced today that James Sullivan Wiley, a former member of the U.S. House of Representatives, elected as a Democrat, represented the state of Maine in the 30th Congress (March 4, 1847 to March 4, 1849). Although born in Mercer, Maine, he later lived in Bethel, was a student at Gould Academy and graduated from Colby College. After his graduation, he moved to Dover, Maine and was an instructor in Foxcroft Academy. He later studied law and was admitted to the Penobscot County bar in 1839.

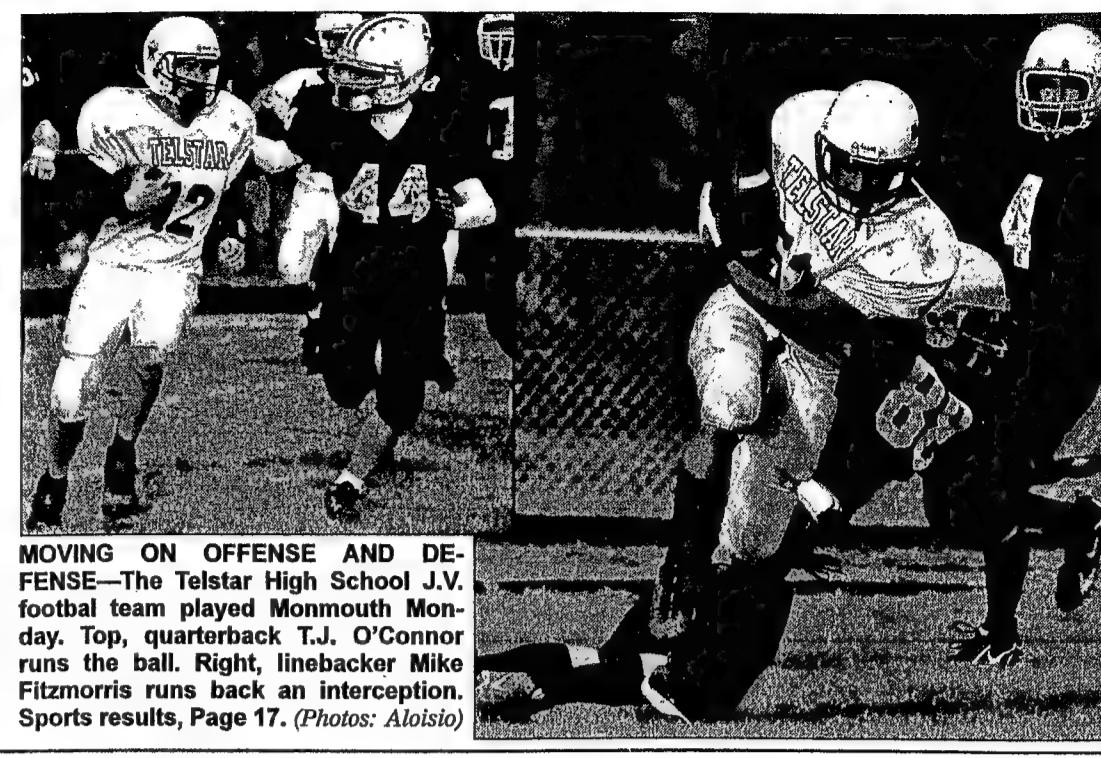
Beginning the practice of law in Dover, he subsequently moved to Fryeburg, Maine in 1839 and continued the practice of law until his death in Fryeburg on Dec. 21, 1889. He is buried in the Smart Hill Cemetery in Lovell.

At the Bethel Centennial Celebration of 1874 presided over by Dr. Nathaniel Tuckerman True, who also was the principal of Gould Academy at the time Wiley attended the school, he made the following statement to those assembled at this august occasion:

"A little more than twenty-four hours ago, I was more than one hundred miles away, at the mouth of the Penobscot Bay, on the verge of the Atlantic. I debated with myself for a moment whether I would return home, a comparatively short distance, or come to Bethel. I did long hesitate. I wished to view once more your unrivaled scenery, to gaze once more upon your beautiful and grand panorama of valley, river, hill and mountains. I longed to greet

again with cordial grasp, the few remaining friends of my youth, and to renew my acquaintances with those whom I had known in later years. I concluded to come, with not the remotest idea, however, of taking any part in the celebration. But your historian, an energizing geologist, famous for discovering things, found me out after I had retired to my room for rest and repose. He said I must take a part. I declined (urging fatigue and want of time for preparation). He insisted, claiming that I was a son of Bethel; and as a dutiful son, I obeyed. I am glad I came. I have been highly gratified. I have had the pleasure of receiving a hearty welcome for old and dear friends, and of feasting my eyes upon the beauties of nature surrounding my old home. Your

President has announced me as 'almost a son of Bethel.' I do feel, sir, that I may claim to be almost a son of Bethel. You have a history of one hundred years; concerning forty-eight years of that history I know something myself. I knew the Chapmans, the Twitchells, the Beans, the Hastings, the Kimballs, the Masons, and most of the old worthies, some of whom, by their presence, honor our meeting today. And I can never forget your adopted son, our old brother, William Frye. I knew him well, and cherish the fondest recollections of his gentleness and kindness to me. To him I was accustomed to recite many a lesson of my schoolboy days. A gentleman, a ripe scholar, a worthy member of the legal profession, [it is he] whom we delight to honor."



MOVING ON OFFENSE AND DEFENSE—The Telstar High School J.V. football team played Monmouth Monday. Top, quarterback T.J. O'Connor runs the ball. Right, linebacker Mike Fitzmorris runs back an interception. Sports results, Page 17. (Photos: Aloisio)

7:30 AM
 Tuesdays at
 The Bethel Inn
 on the
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PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Title 28 M.R.S.A. 252 -- a notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on November 3, 2008 at the Bethel Town Office to consider a Liquor License renewal and an Entertainment Permit renewal from The Sudbury Inn located on 151 Main St. Public comment will be heard at that time. Prior to the hearing date written comment may be issued to the Bethel Town Office or email at info@bethelmaine.org

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School news from around the district

CRESCENT PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



The kindergartners at Crescent Park School visited the Bethel Fire Station during Fire Safety Month. Here, Mrs. Merrill's class poses in front of one of the old time fire trucks.



Orion Fournier, Isaac McAllister, Liam Childs, and Joziah Learned-Stewart pose with firefighter Randy after learning about fire safety at the Bethel Fire Station.



Kindergartners at CPS recently enjoyed a field trip to the Cooper Farm Apple Orchard.



Cooperation is the name of the game in kindergarten as these four students work to complete a puzzle of the Solar System.



Mrs. Sabin's students are pictured here displaying their band-aid boo-boos after creating a Boo-Boo class book.



Kindergartners in Mrs. Sabin's class at CPS have been collaborating to create several class books integrating literacy, science, and math skills. Pictured here are students displaying a couple of story rewrites, a field trip thank you book, a book of favorite math topics, and an original creation.



Ms. Smith's kindergarten and Miss Haines' fourth-grade classes at CPS are reading buddies. Left: Livia Doucette and fourth-grader Jody Putnam. Right (left to right): Mario DeVivo, George Connors, and Logan Mason.



CPS kindergarten classes went to the Bethel Fire Station during Fire Prevention Month. Here, firefighter Autrey is seen with Logan Mason and Eric Chapman.



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Events Calendar

9 a.m. (Fridays) — **Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge** at Fare Share Food Coop, 443 Main Street, Norway. For more information, call Mimi Bell (743-8081) or Rowena Palmer (743-2882) or e-mail bridge@megalink.net.

Every Wednesday, 7 to 9 p.m. — **The Yet To be Named Banjo Club** practices in the Commons of the Fare Share Market at 477 Main Street, Norway. Interested banjoists invited to join. Public welcome to come and listen. FMI: call Alan Hamilton at 875-2680.

First and Third Wednesdays 9 to 12 a.m. — **Veterans' Advocate** will be at Maine Veterans' Home, South Paris.

Wednesdays 6 to 7:30 p.m. — **People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction** may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: call Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (all calls confidential).

Wednesday nights — **TOPS**, take off pounds sensibly, meets at Bethel Alliance Church from 5:30 to 6 p.m. (weigh in) and meeting from 6 to 6:30 p.m. All welcome. FMI: call 824-3288.

Wednesdays 10 to 11 a.m. — **T'ai Chi** at Ellie's Express and 5 to 6 p.m. at Bethel Family Health Center. Taught by Betsey Foster, MPH. To register, contact Betsey at 875-2426 or BSF@megalink.net.

Thursdays 1 to 3 p.m. — **Cross Country Quilters** of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at Moses Mason House Barn, corner of Broad and Mason streets, Bethel. All quilters welcome. No dues, no rules, just fun. FMI: call Ginny Keniston (824-2661) or e-mail Pat McCartney at p_quilts@yahoo.com.

Saturdays — **Bethel Farmers Market** every Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon thru Oct. 25 at Bethel Area Health Center parking lot, Railroad Street.

Bake Sale every Friday noon until sold out at United Methodist Church, Main Street, Bethel.

Thru Friday, Oct. 24 — **Owen Art Gallery** will have on display the work of abstract and landscape local artist Mary Isham.

This Fall: — **Michael Tatom bronze animals on show/sale** at Harvest Gold Gallery, Route 5 North, just after the Center Lovell Market. FMI: call 925-6502.

Thru the Fall

Harvest Gold Gallery, Center Lovell, will display works of Andy Curran, painter of acrylic paintings of woods and nature and a collection of greeting cards. FMI: 925-6502.

Raffle by International Assoc. of Fire Fighters, Local 1601, Rumford. Prizes: first and second each 1 cord firewood cut, split, delivered within 30 miles; third: season passes to MVHS sports games. Drawing: Oct. 31 (winner need not be present). Tickets: available any Rumford Professional Firefighter or contact President Mark Tripp at 357-5532.

Thursday, Oct. 23

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. — **Oxford County Casino** pros and cons by Pat LaMarche (Casino issue) and Dennis Bailey (Casinos No!) at Telstar Regional High School's lecture hall. All invited. Both individuals will present their perspectives and then floor open for questions and answers. FMI: 824-2282.

Friday, Oct. 24

1 to 4 p.m. — **Flu Clinic in Upton**. 6 to 9 p.m. — **Halloween Night Hike** at Maine Wildlife Park, Gray. Special Halloween displays. Wear costume. Door priz-

It's always wise to call ahead

Listings in The Citizen's weekly Community Calendar are compiled from a wide variety of sources. While we do our utmost to ensure the reliability of the information presented here, we recognize that when dealing with such a large volume of material, some inaccuracies will occasionally creep in. And in other cases, a sponsoring organization's plans may change between the time The Citizen is printed and the event is held.

Accordingly, we strongly urge our readers to call ahead to verify the details of any event they plan to attend. Doing so will greatly reduce the chance of disappointment or needless inconvenience.

es. Regular admission fees (rain date: Saturday, Oct. 25, same time). Nature Store and Snack Shack open.

6 p.m. — **Intrepid Descent**, movie by Erik Osterholm (also available) at Appalachian Mountain Club Pinkham Notch Visitor Center, Route 16, in White Mountain National Forest. Buffet dinner from 6 to 8 p.m. then stay for movie. Free and open to public. FMI or dinner reservations: call (603) 466-2727.

7 to 9 p.m. — **Candlelight Vigil**, in memory of those who have died in drug-related accidents, at The Veterans Memorial Park and Gazebo, Glen Avenue, Berlin, N.H. FMI: call Doris Pinnard at (603) 752-6299.

Friday and Saturday, Oct. 24 and 25

Bethel Outing Club buy/sell new and used equipment for alpine, snowboard, cross-country skiing and other winter sports including clothing and accessories at Gould Academy Field House, Church Street, Bethel. Hours: Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to Noon. FMI: call Beth Clarke 824-4692 or e-mail clarkeb@sad44.org, org or visit www.bethelouting.org.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Oct. 24, 25, 26

Benefit Golf Classic hosted by The Parrot Head Club of the Northern Tropics at Bethel Inn & Resort to benefit Hospice House of Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice. Put a team together for this worthy cause. Bring swimsuit for pool party. Register in advance (forms available by e-mailing phootnt@hotmail.com or by calling 207-415-3823).

Wellness Weekend at Mahoosuc Mountain Lodge, Newry. Practitioners available for sessions in foot reflexology, massage, spiritual counseling, aura-soma color readings and yoga. FMI: call 824-2073.

Saturday, Oct. 25

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. — **Annual Craft Fair** at Rumford Elementary School, Lincoln Avenue. Many crafts, bake sale table, raffle table and lunch served.

First Annual Ellis River Fall Festival — Art Show and Sale at Andover Town Hall 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Silent Auction and Bake Sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Congregational Church, to benefit Andover Food Pantry and Pennacook Art Center. Baked bean supper 5 p.m. at Andover Town Hall, bake sale, and live music. Artist Pallette Silent Art Auction. FMI: call Linda Couture 364-7968.

6 to 9 p.m. — **Movie Night** sponsored by Telstar High School Junior Class. Popcorn, candy, etc. for sale, and open gym. Free. All are welcome. First showing 6 p.m., "High School Musical 2" and second at 8 p.m., "Beetle Juice." Movies shown in Telstar auditorium.

Fourth annual Haunted Walk to benefit Andover Elementary School's 5th grade class trip to Boston and the Dorothy Dawn Palmer Memorial Scholarship Fund. The entrance will be behind Andover Elementary School on Pine Street. Cost: \$3 to walk through (if you dare) and refreshments on sale. FMI: call Cindy Gammon 392-2051.

Sunday, Oct. 26

1 p.m. — **Gilead Historical Society railroad lecture** by John Davis of South Paris at Gilead Town Hall. Bring something to share for potluck lunch.

4 p.m. — **Mahoosuc Arts Council** presents Cody Michaels, pianist, in the Trustee's Auditorium, McLaughlin Science Center, Gould Academy. Admission free, with donations gratefully accepted. FMI: call 824-3575 or visit www.mahoosucarts.org.

4 to 6 p.m. — **Mahoosuc Land Trust Annual Meeting** with guest speaker Aldro French, owner of Forest Lodge, home of Louise Dickinson Rich, author of "We Took to the Woods," will be held at Sunday River Inn, 28 Skiway Road, Newry. Open to public.

4 to 6 p.m. — **Benefit Spaghetti Supper and Chinese Auction** for Bryce Walker, a Telstar senior who is battling leukemia, at Legion Hall, Gore Road, Locke Mills. Auction doors open 3 p.m. and drawings start 6 p.m. (after the dinner).

American Life in Poetry

Selection and comments by Ted Kooser, U.S. Poet Laureate 2004-2006
Every child can be seen as a miracle, and here Minnesota poet James Lenfestey captures the beautiful mystery of a daughter.

Daughter (10-23)

A daughter is not a passing cloud, but permanent,
holding earth and sky together with her shadow.
She sleeps upstairs like mystery in a story,
blowing leaves down the stairs, then cold air, then warm.
We who at sixty should know everything, know nothing.
We become dull and disoriented by uncertain weather.
We kneel, palms together, before this blossoming altar

Monday, Oct. 27

10 a.m. — **Essentials of College Planning Workshop** (Free) at Rumford Career Center, 35 Congress Street sponsored by Maine Educational Opportunity Center. To register for FMI: (800) 281-3703 or visit <http://meoc.maine.edu>.

Tuesday, Oct. 28

6 p.m. — **Hanover annual Town Meeting** at Hanover Town House, 12 Howard Pond Road. Town officers will be elected including two selectpersons, one for three years and one for a two-year term. Budget articles will be discussed and voted on. Select Board meeting starting at 5 p.m., also at the Town House,

Thursday, Oct. 30

6 p.m. — Spend the evening at Telstar Library answering questions that help drive decisions and instructional programming at Telstar high and middle schools. Format casual and dessert provided by Friends of Telstar. RSVP to Carole Corriveau (824-2136 ext. 500) by Monday, Oct. 27 if attending. Unable to attend: send responses to Sandy Schroeder, TMS principal, schroeds@sad44.org or 824-2136, ext. 502, or Dan Hart, THS principal, hartd@sad44.org, ext. 345.

Friday, Oct. 31

9 to 12 a.m. — Flu Clinic at Andover Town Hall. Bring your Medicare or Medicaid card; \$20 for all others.

4:30 p.m. — Waterford Library Halloween story time for young children and welcomes trick or treat visitors from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

5:30 to 7 p.m. — Trick or Treat at Rumford Grange.

6 to 8 p.m. — **Halloween Party** at Locke Mills Town Hall. Trick or Treat, games and prizes, costume contest at 6:30, Pumpkin Contest at 7, sponsored by American Legion Auxiliary. FMI: call Jamie at 890-2812. Games and Prizes

Norway Open Mic Night Halloween Bash at First Universalist Church, 479 Main Street, Norway. Sign-up for performers begins 6:30 p.m., and open mic begins around 7 p.m. \$3 donation at door. Fantastic fun for everyone. FMI: 935-4505 or e-mail vesselrecordings@yahoo.com.

7:30 and 10:30 p.m. — **Oddfellow Theater**, Buckfield, presents Dickie's Campfire Halloween Extravaganza! Dickie Hyper-Hyne has gotten his mom's permission to put on a "killer" Halloween variety show. Dickie and friends will scare the Dickens out of you and maybe Poe as well. Two shows. Tickets: \$15 all seats. FMI or reservations call: 336-3306.

More Community Calendar

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► Thursday, November 20

Norway Memorial Library

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AUBURN

10 am and 1 pm:

► Wednesday, October 29

► Wednesday, November 12

► Wednesday, December 17

Auburn Public Library

49 Spring Street, Auburn

FARMINGTON

10 am and 1 pm:

► Wednesday, October 22

► Wednesday, November 26

Franklin Memorial Hospital

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AA MEETINGS

Bethel Freedom Group's Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street.

Bethel Freedom Group's Speaker/Discussion Meeting. Tuesdays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street.

Bethel Freedom Group's 12 Step/Traditions Meeting. Fridays at 6pm at Bethel United Methodist Church.

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Narconon, a nonprofit public benefit organization that specializes in helping people with drug or alcohol addictions offers FREE assessments and more than 11,000 local referrals through the 800 line. Drug addiction can be overcome and Narconon can help. Call (800) 556-8885 or visit www.drugrehab.net.

EXCHANGES

District Exchange Community Thrift Shop accepts donations of in-season clothing in clean, wearable condition only. Drop-off hours and shopping: Monday 1-4pm, Thursday 4-6pm and Saturday, 10am-12pm.

The Woodstock Seventh Day Adventist Church Community Service Center announces that individuals or families requiring assistance with food needs in the South Woodstock, Bryant Pond, West Paris and Sumner areas are invited to call 674-2566, 674-2663, or 665-2226 to learn more details.

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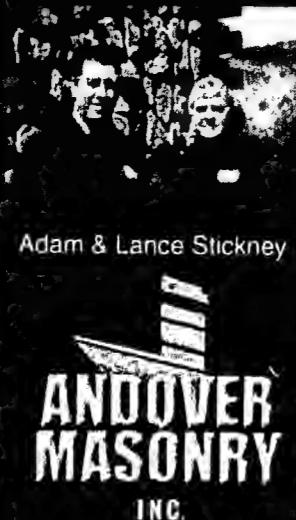
Meets the first Friday of the month from 1-2:30pm at the West Parish Congregational Church, next to Gould Academy. For more information, call Darcy Lund at 739-2888.

Library Hours

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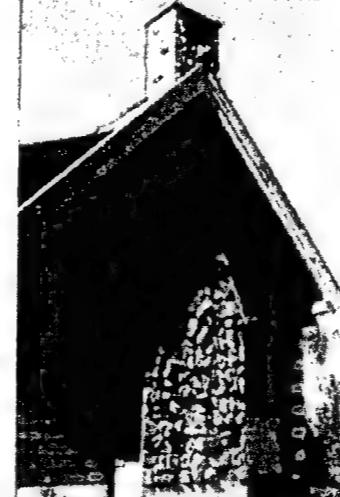
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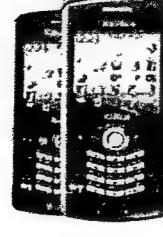
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ANDOVER

First Congregational Church Rev. Jane Rich, Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m., followed by brunch. All are welcome. FMI - 392-3761.

Calvary Bible Church - Pastor Ken Wagstaff, Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Sunday worship 10:45 a.m., followed by brunch; Wednesday prayer meeting 6:30 p.m. Rt. 5, S. Andover, 392-1211.

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church, Rev. Kevin Bellinger. Sundays: Sunday School for adults and children at 9am; Morning worship service at 10am; Kidz Klub (4 yrs-5th grade) at 5:30pm; Prayer fellowship Wednesdays at 7pm; Sundays: Youth Group (8th-12th grade) at 5:30pm. For more information call 824-2239.

Church of the Nazarene - Pastor Chuck Mason, 9:30 am. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. morning worship. Wednesday evening service in different locations. Call for info. 824-4023 (voice mail) or 824-7289 FMI.

West Parish Congregational - Rev. Virginia Rieckerman. 10 am. worship, child care available. Prayer, Tuesday, 8 a.m. FMI call 824-0550.

Our Lady of the Snows: Saturday mass at 6 p.m., Rev. Angelo Levesque, 364-4556.

United Methodist - Geoffrey Gross, Pastor, 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

West Bethel Union - Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. For information, call 824-3533 or 824-2822. Rev. John Williams.

Pleasant Valley Bible - Pastor Aaron McNally. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9am; Worship Service, 10am; Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30pm; Prayer meeting Tuesday, 6pm; Awana clubs follow school-year calendar. FMI 824-3006 or 824-2037.

Episcopal House Church - Holy communion service the third or fourth Sunday of every month at 4 p.m. at 38 Chapman Street. For further information, call the Reverend Gwyneth Bohr at 824-9313.

Church of Christ - at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mills Road (Route 26), Belch. Worship at 9 a.m. Sunday. 824-0393.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship: Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. For more info, call 824-0393.

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RUMFORD

St. Barnabas Episcopal Church - Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m. Rev. Tim Parsons, Priest-in-charge. Special holidays will be announced. Stone church at the rotary.

RUMFORD CENTER

Prayer Assembly of God - Pastor Justin Thacker. Adult and teen Sunday school 9am. Sunday worship service at 10am. Sunday prayer meeting at 6pm. Wednesday night bible study and youth group 7pm. 170 Andover Road, FMI call 364-3655 or see our website at www.praiseassemblyofgod.net.

RUMFORD POINT

Rumford Point Church - Sunday service, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Pastor Frank Haines.

SUMMER

East Summer Congregational - Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday service, 9 a.m.

WEST PARIS

Unitarian Universalist Church of West Paris - 9 a.m. worship. Rev. Richard Beal, 674-2148.

West Paris Baptist - Sunday Worship 9:15 am, Bruce Tyner, Pastor. Sunday School Preschool thru kindergarden 9:45am, Sunday School Grades 1-6, 10:25am. Sunday evening worship 7:00 p.m.; Monday Diaconate meeting first Monday of the month; Tuesday ladies fellowship meets the fourth Tuesday of every month. Tea & Toys Time Bi-Weekly 8:30-11:30am; Adult Choir Wednesday evenings, Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer 7pm, church business meetings the third Wednesday of the month.

West Paris Congregational Church - Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday Worship 11 a.m., Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

WOODSTOCK

Bryant Pond Baptist - Pastor Larry Hodgkins. Sundays: Sunday School 9:15 a.m.; Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Evening Service 6:00 p.m.; Wednesdays: Prayer & bible study 6:30 p.m.; Fridays: Youth Group 7-12th grade, 6:30pm

Woodstock Seventh Day Adventist - Pastor Richard Wright (207-797-9677), Saturday: 9:30 a.m. Sabbath school. 11 a.m. worship service.

Pinhook Meeting House (Rt. 232, North Woodstock) - Hymn Sing, last Friday of each month, 7 p.m. All welcome.

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The crisis we face is a crisis of debt. Yes, Mike voted against the bailout — but almost no one knows that he was ordered to vote "no" by the Unions in a conference call to 135 members the day before the vote. They even gave him "suggested" talking points, which he was happy to pass on without crediting his masters. Verbatim. What looked like backbone turns out to have just been a new form of spinelessness.

As for solutions to the current crisis, Mike Michaud has actually proposed doing the exact same thing that caused the last Depression (raise taxes and spending and restrict trade) and "thinks" that this time it will work! Reminds me of Einstein's definition of insanity: Doing the exact same thing over and over and expecting different results.

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High School Boys' Varsity Soccer

Hebron 6, Gould 1; Oct. 18—Hebron jumped out to an early two goal lead in the first 10 minutes and continued to control the tempo of play for most of the first half. At halftime the score was Hebron 6 and Gould 0. Gould was able to control the run of play most of the second half and created numerous opportunities to score and hit the goal posts on three occasions. In the 79th minute, Wongu Kim received a ball at the top of the box, turned and drove the ball into the corner to score the last goal of the game. —from Gould sports reports

Gould 2, Hebron 6; Oct. 11—Both teams played well and moved the ball around effectively. Hebron was able to jump to a quick lead with four goals in the first half an hour of play. Nick Milliken scored for Gould in the 35th minute on a penalty spot. Hebron was able to score again before half to make it 5 to 1. The second half saw both teams move the ball around and keep possession for an extended period of time. Scott Baribeau scored in the 60th minute after. Notable mention also goes to Sam Dasch, Kevin Dawson and Will Buick. —from Gould sports reports

High School Varsity Field Hockey

Mt. Valley Conference Championship: Mt. Valley 3, Telstar 2 (OT); Oct. 18—Telstar's T.J. Cowin and Kayla Merrill scored in an overtime loss to Mt. Valley. Brianna Douglass had seven saves in goal.

High School Cross-country

Oct. 18—The Gould boys' and girls' teams won the Kents Hill

School Invitational Meet, which featured competitors from five MAISAD schools. The boys outpointed closest competitor Elan by a 31-35 score and the girls followed suit with a 33 to 39 victory over Elan. Henry Gaudion and Andrew Nesbitt finished well ahead of the pack in first and second places respectively. Peter Cowan ran a superb race finishing in 6th place after leading out a pack of Gould runners including Jacob Koppell, Jeb Clark, Marco Phaler, and Galen Topper, all of whom finished together in 11th-14th place. On the girl's side, Cory Polonski and Alice Hotopp both finished well ahead of the pack in 1st and 2nd place and were soon followed by the rest of the team, Courtney Amman, Lauren Chagaris, Violetta Borilova, Ellie Cramton, and Rachel Oh. Special congratulations go out to Rachel Oh for participating in the first XC race of her career! XC will be back in action a fast University of Maine-Augusta course where we will try to wrestle the crown from defending champion Elan at the MAISAD Championships. —from Gould sports reports

TMS Cross-country

Oct. 15—TMS ran its last meet of the season at Tripp Middle School. On a one-point-eight mile long course against swarms of runners from five class A schools, Telstar made a great showing. For the girl's team, with 53 runners completing the race, Gabrielle Stone finished 16th (14:28), Rose Goldberg placed 29 (15:32), and Rachael Goldberg 35th (15:48). For the boys, with fifty-seven runners completing the course, Drew Hutchins placed 10th (12:49) and John Drew 44th, 16:44. —coach Dave LeClerc

TMS J.V. Soccer

Telstar 4, Dirigo 0; Oct. 15—Telstar completed an un-

feated season by beating Dirigo. Eric Lowell, Joseph Putnam, Max Southam, and Eliza Miele each had one goal. Assists were made by Casey Blaszczak and Eliza Miele. Kiersten Drapeau had one save on one shot with great defensive support in front of her from Abby Ford, Nick Johnson, Jenny Wakefield, Aaron Speakman, Aiden Clarke, and Kyler Walker. Great effort and hustle to pepper the goal numerous times also by Liam Gallagher, Maisey Griffin, Alex Leff, and Lakota Monzo. Excellent season and team play by all—coach Mark Kenney

TMS Varsity Field Hockey

Telstar 2, Jay 2; Oct. 15—What a great last game. Everyone played a remarkable game showing teamwork, communication, sticks down, and nice drives. Rachel Boyd, Heather Miller, Kayla Verrill, and Krystal Pratt played a great defense. Tabitha Corriveau had four saves on the goal. Kelsey Averill, Marsha Morin, Molly Bruce, Anneliese Smith, and Caili Inman were amazing with their stops and drives up to the front line. Brianna Santos, Jenna Putnam, Hannah Ryerson, Gabby Conrad, Savannah Patenaude, Samantha Mallory with great communication and passes. Dakota made the first goal in the second half with an assist by Samantha Mallory, and Skye Dole made the second goal tying the game with an assist by Savannah Patenaude. —coach Tracy Morin

TMS J.V. Field Hockey

Dirigo 1, Telstar 0; Oct. 15—We lost our final game but not without a great fight. Defense held off many goals with great team work. Annie Cushman played good defense in sweep. She had nice stops and kept the ball in play for us. —coach Amy Verrill

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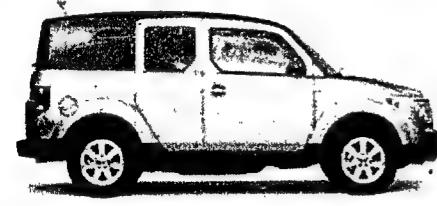


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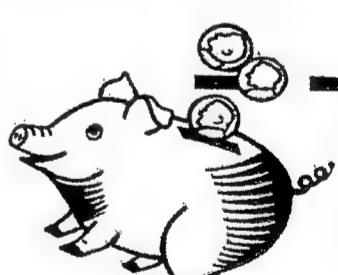
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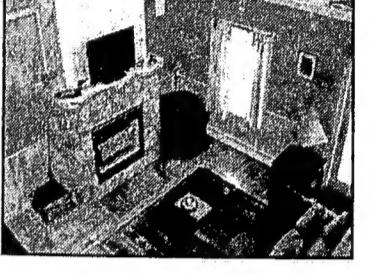
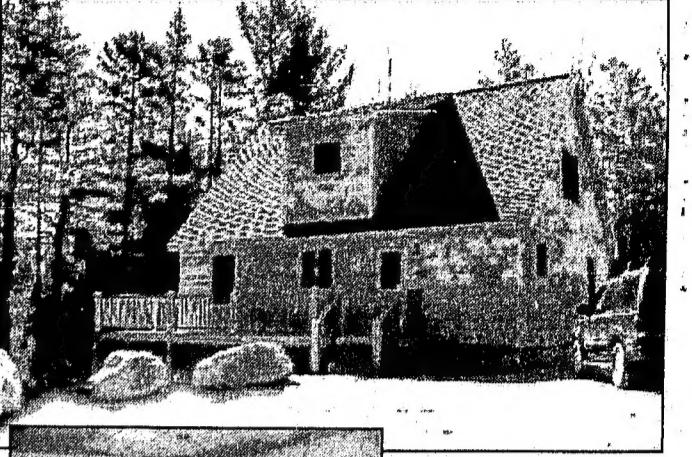
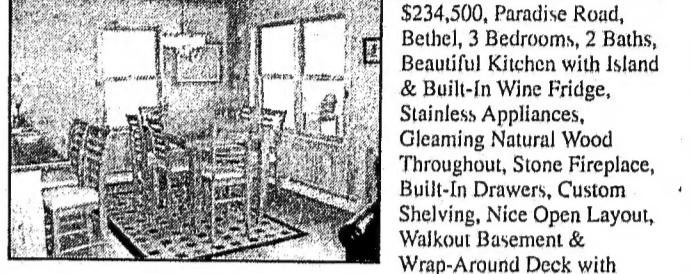
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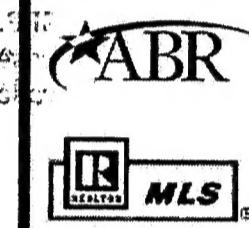




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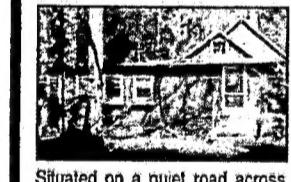
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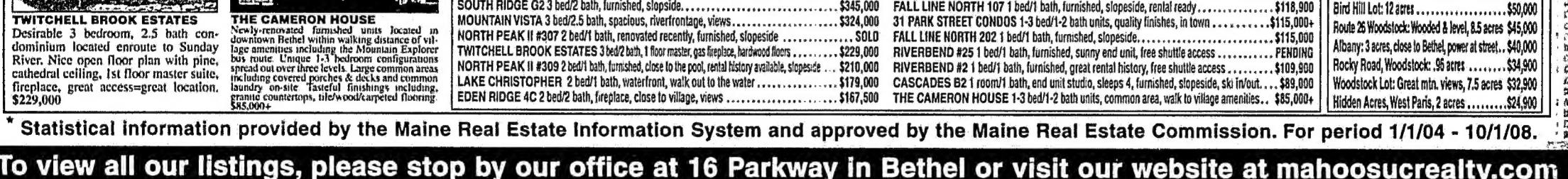
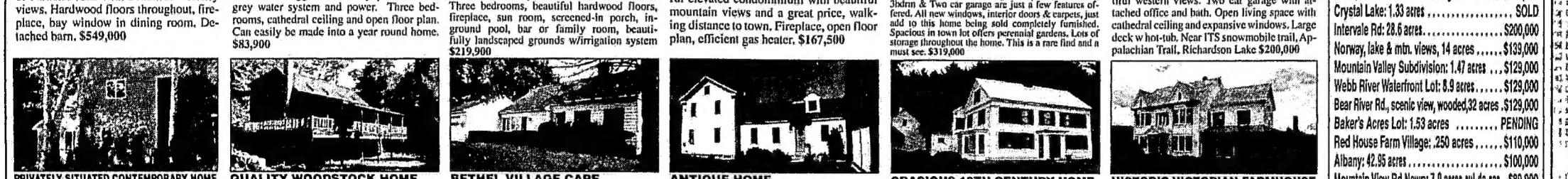
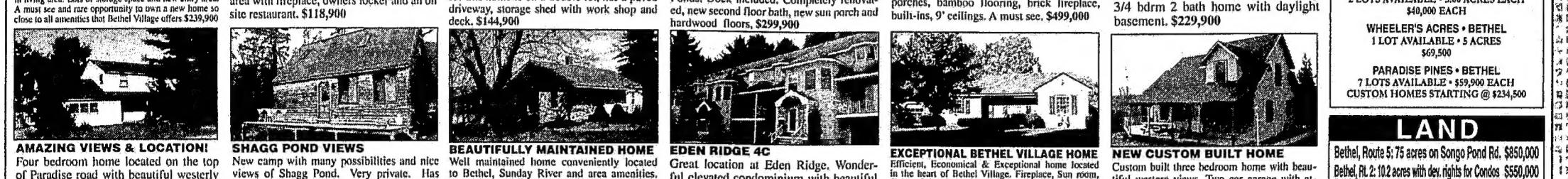
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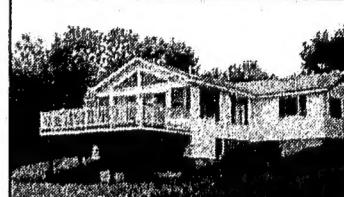
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42 Goose Eye Drive, Newry: Spacious home with stunning views overlooking the golf course at the Sunday River Golf Club. 3-bay heated garage, separate guest quarters, large master suite, custom cabinetry, lovely sunroom. Lifetime family membership to the golf club. \$795,000



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JEANETTE S. KNIGHT

Jeanette Sylvester Knight, 86, of Waterford, died Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2008 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway. She was born in Roxbury on Nov. 2, 1921 the daughter of Frances Downs and Aubrey Sylvester. The granddaughter of T. Lincoln Downs who brought her up after the death of her mother when she was one year old.

In 1939 she married Robley Chase, together they had one daughter. In 1955 she married Charles Knight, the love of her life and they spent 46 years together. She and Charlie spent most of their life in the Locke Mills area until 1998 when they moved to Waterford to be with her daughter and grandchildren. She was a homemaker most of her life.

She is survived by her daughter, Marianne Gammon and her husband Leslie; grandchildren, Bruce Campbell and his companion Chris Ryan, Dianne Slicer and her husband Shane and Darlene McDougal and her husband Joel; step grandchildren, Joan McDaniel and her companion Charles, Patti Toothaker and her husband David and Linda Lemberg and her fiancé Peter; great-grandchildren, Christopher Henderson, Mark Henderson, Brandon and Katie Campbell, Blake, Cameron and Allison Slicer; many step great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews; and a very special niece, Theresa Bouchard, who for years has written to her every week. She was predeceased by her

husband, Charles Knight; a brother, Walter Sylvester; and a sister, Anna Hafer. Graveside services were held on Saturday, Oct. 18, at Pulpit Rock Cemetery in Waterford. Remembrance donations can be made to Stoneham Rescue, PO Box 42, Stoneham, ME 04231. Online condolences may be shared with her family at www.westonchandler.com.

RUPERT D. CONROY

Rupert Dellison Conroy, 90, of Woodlawn Avenue, Auburn, Maine passed away Thursday, Oct. 16, 2008 at Clover Health Care, Auburn. He died peacefully and in the presence of his family.

Rupe was born April 21, 1918 in Bethel Maine; the son of Dellison C. and Sylvia E. (Swan) Conroy. He moved to Berlin, N.H., at the age of 5 and graduated from Berlin High School in 1936. He was class Valedictorian and an Eagle Scout. Soon after graduation he moved to Everett, Mass., where he was employed as Production Planning Manager for the Dewey & Almy Chemical Co. in Cambridge.

Survivors include his son, Robert and daughter-in-law Michelle; grandchildren, Lauren and Thomas all of Bethel; his daughter, Susan of Portland Ore.; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; Eva, his wife of 65 years; and a brother, John Thomas.

The Conroy family wishes to thank all family and friends, the United Methodist Church and Clover Health Care for their loving support during this time.

A memorial service will be held Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2008 at 9 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Auburn. A reception at the church will follow.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the United Methodist Church or Clover Health Care. Private interment will be at Riverside Cemetery in Bethel.

buyer for Filene's in Boston. In 1951 Rupe and Eva moved to Reading, Mass., where they lived for thirty years and raised a family. Rupe accepted a position with Fostoria Glass Company, Moundsville, W.Va. He retired in 1980 as a District Manager. Eva and Rupe retired to Auburn, Maine in 1983.

Rupe was a member of the Reading Lion's Club, the First Congregational Church of Reading, and a member of the Good Samaritan Masonic Lodge. He also volunteered with the Reading Boy Scouts.

In Auburn he was a member of the United Methodist Church of Auburn, the Tranquill Masonic Lodge and later the Kora Shrine. He was active in Auburn SCORE where he served as counseling chairman.

John C. Gunther

John C. Gunther passed on at his and his wife Margaret's home on North Road in Shelburne, N.H., on Oct. 18, 2008 surrounded by his family and friends. He fought a courageous, yearlong battle with cancer.

John was born on July 31, 1940 in Bethel, Maine to Frances Ellen Bean Gunther and Hoyt W. Gunther. He grew up in Bethel attending local schools and graduated from Stephens High School in Rumford, Maine in the Class of '58.

Upon graduation he started working for Oxford Paper Company and during those years married Jacqueline Lambert. They had two beautiful daughters, Sherri Moore of Lovell, Maine and Julie Kimball of Bethel. They have five grandchildren, Brandon, Dan and Travis Moore, Ryan Kimball and Andrea Gunther.

John worked in many paper mills and also for several construction companies in the Northeast over the years and collected more friends than you could possibly imagine. It seems that everyone knew him. He snow machined, had several different boats throughout his life. He and his wife, Peg, loved to blue fish on the coast of Maine. John had his own airplane and could relate many interesting tales about his flying experiences and so could those who flew with him. But his great love was motorcycling with his wife, his brother Howard, their friends, Darryl and Annie plus so many other biking buddies. They have many happy excursions to remember. He got his first

motorcycle as a teenager and has had one ever since. He loved all animals and especially enjoyed horseback riding with his friends down in Florida land and working with his good friend "Doc" and Tom. John enjoyed the great outdoors and was very knowledgeable about wild-life.

If John knew a friend needed help he was right there but he would as readily help a stranger in need and by the time the problem was solved he had gained another friend. There wasn't much he couldn't fix or build. He had a way about him. He was larger than life and filled a room with his presence. He will be sadly missed but now he's off to enjoy new adventures.

Besides his wife, children and grandchildren he is survived by his sister, Patricia Gunther Carter and brother-in-law Ted and his brother, Howard Gunther, brother-in-laws, Lee Lepage, John Lepage and John's wife Joann, sister-in-law, Jeanne Etta and husband Greg, and father-in-law, Lionel Lepage. He leaves two aunts, Jane Young and Ruth Bean of Bethel and many fun-loving cousins. His grandchildren, nieces and nephews will miss John's teasing for he loved all the young people of his family and loved to tease.

He'd also speak to them if he felt they needed some guidance and that wasn't always welcomed. John is also survived by many close friends stretching from New England to Florida and as far away as Las Vegas. Some of his closest friends are sitting at the Quick Stop in Gorham, N.H. He would want them and all who knew him to remember all the great times they've enjoyed, all the laughter, and to keep right on enjoying every minute of life for it's made to enjoy and life is very precious. He's said many times, "I've really lived my life and enjoyed it to the full!" He'd want us to do the same.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Gorham Congregational Church, UCC. Interment will be in the Wheeler Cemetery. Relatives and friends may call from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at the Bryant Funeral Home, 1 Promenade Street, Gorham, N.H. Donations in his memory may be made to Androscoggin Valley Home Health and Hospice, 59 Page Hill Road, Berlin, NH 03570. For more information or to sign the guest book, please visit www.bryantfuneral-home.net.

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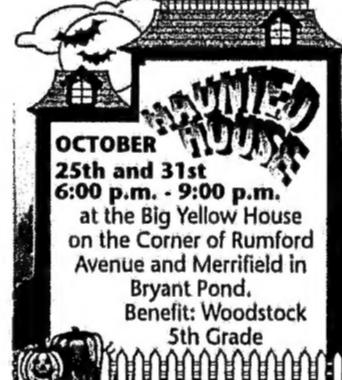
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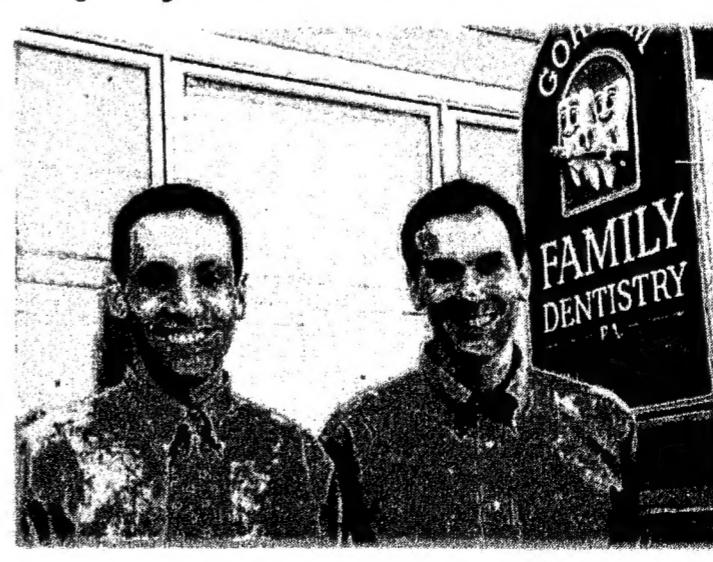
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